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Delicate Task

MR Chou En-lai's Peking statement on the Formosa Straits problem is disappointing insofar that it adds practically nothing to his Bandung declaration in which conciliatory overtures to the United States were generously mixed with expressions of determination to "liberate" Taiwan. The mere reiteration of these sentiments does little, if anything, to bring the conflict nearer the negotiating table.

Rather more encouraging is the report that the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking is now engaged in secret talks with the Chinese Premier designed to discover acceptable means of bringing about a meeting between the United States and Communist China. It is a delicate proposition because it is also necessary to ensure that any Peking-Washington talks lead to a wider conference, involving the presence of the Chinese Nationalists.

TOWARDS this crucial subject Mr Chou's present attitude is thoroughly discouraging. He declares categorically that the Chinese Communists are not prepared to take part in an international conference on a ceasefire or discuss the future of Formosa if Chinese Nationalists are included. The United States is equally insistent that she will discuss nothing affecting the interests of the Chinese Nationalists without the presence of their representatives.

On the basis of these diametrically opposed viewpoints, it would appear the situation is already hopelessly stalemated. Nevertheless there exists room for effective diplomatic manoeuvring if the Peking leaders are willing to display a measure of goodwill.

The British desire is to solve the complicated problem of the Formosa Straits and the future status of Formosa piecemeal. The immediate threat to peace in the Far East, and even to the world, rests in the dispute for the offshore islands of Matsau and Quemoy. If that can be settled amicably and satisfactorily, tension will be immediately relieved and a more favourable atmosphere created for dealing with the subject of Formosa.

GEOGRAPHICALLY the Matsau and Quemoy group of islands can fairly be regarded as part of China and as such the de facto government of the mainland is morally entitled to control and administer them. Strategically they are not considered important or as part of the United States defensive perimeter in the West Pacific. Wherefore, no justification exists for defending them against the Chinese Communists if, in so doing, this led, as it very well could, to wider hostilities of an international character.

The surrender of the islands through negotiations would not constitute appeasement, for there would have to be an undertaking from Peking to forgo her "liberation of Formosa" quest by arms, and a willingness to submit the whole question to international negotiations. The piecemeal procedure for resolving the Formosa problem would appear to hold out the best chances for success, and if Mr Trevelyan can convince Mr Chou to adopt such a method of settling the dispute he will have performed a notable service in the cause of international peace.

BIG 4 TALKS SUBJECTS FORECAST

Germany, Disarmament And A-Weapons Says Mr Dulles UNIQUE TV BROADCAST TO THE NATION

Washington, May 17.

The Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, said today that he expected the Big Four conference to discuss the reunification of Germany, disarmament, atomic weapons, the satellite countries and international Communism "which is such a pest around the world".

He said he thought there was a possibility of some good coming from the conference, but he warned against any people getting their hopes too high as to results.

He spoke to the American people by television, radio and press media from the office of President Eisenhower, who sat beside him and interjected approving remarks from time to time during the speech.

Mr Dulles said he could only guess why the Soviet Union was at last willing to enter into four-power talks to reduce world tension but he thought that perhaps it was because it realised that it should conform more to the moral principles of the civilised world.

He stressed also that it probably was a fruit of the Western nations' policy of being strong to defend their freedom and principles.

President Eisenhower agreed with that.

Mr Dulles was reporting to the President and the US public on his recent visit to Europe, during which Germany was brought into the Western European Union and into NATO and the Austrian State treaty was signed.

It was an unprecedented event, because never before has a Cabinet officer spoken to the nation by way of television from the President's office. Members of the Cabinet sat around the same table with Mr Dulles and the President in the central positions, in an informal atmosphere.

Mr Dulles said that events in Europe in the last week or so appeared to be a turning point in the civilisation of that area.

He said the four Foreign Ministers discussed for hours in Vienna the proposed meeting at the summit of the four Powers. He said that as far as he could judge the Soviets accepted the idea of that meeting. "At least they said they did," he added.

"Of course," he continued, "we are wondering and everybody is wondering why the Soviets may be willing to change their plans and attend such a meeting. Nobody knows certainly. I have thought about it and thought that in all well-ordered communities there are many people who do not believe in the rules, principles or the ordinances of the group but they finally conform. Lots of people live up to the ordinances even though they don't believe in them. It may be the Soviet Union, which has been trying to buck (frustrate) everything, really feels that it should conform more to the rules and principles and practices of the civilised community."

"I don't think that they have got religion (changed their way of life) but merely from the point of being practical they may have decided to conform. It is a possibility worth exploring. Maybe some good will come from the meeting."

In any case, he concluded, the United States could face the future more calmly because it knew that the policies it had followed recently with sacrifices but with bipartisan support of its people was beginning to get results.

"If we stick to them we will be all right," said Mr Dulles. The danger was, he added, that some people would now say they could turn to something different: the important thing was that those policies had worked.

Mr Eisenhower interposed here to say: "In a word, we will stay strong and stay vigilant, but we will not extinguish the hope that a new dawn may come, although the sun may be slow in rising."

The President ended by thanking Mr Dulles for a "brilliant report" of his activities in Europe.

TURNING OF THE TIDE

Mr Dulles said the fulfilment of the Paris pacts in Europe last week "may mark a turning of the tide in history." He said that when Germany was admitted to the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, its representatives sat down by the side of the French representative since they were apathetically next to each other.

"When this happened," he said, "we felt that a new page had opened in European history. The vision that so many had had for so many years seemed to be coming true."

He commented that "Western civilisation had almost committed

suicide" in this area during the last 100 years.

"But now we thought we had put together agreements in such a way that civilisation will have a new lease on life, that Europe will be saved for itself and all humanity."

Mr Dulles said that during his visit to Europe he also talked about Asia and he told the European statesmen that if they liked United States policy in their part of the world they should also like this policy in Asia.

"We are doing the same thing in Asia as in Europe," he said. "We are helping defend freedom wherever there

are free men who want to defend it."

Mr Eisenhower smiled broadly during Mr Dulles' discussion of this point and interposed that what Mr Dulles told the European statesmen was good.

Turning to the Indo-China situation, Mr Dulles said that the Diem government of South Vietnam was a free government that took dictation from no one. "It is not a puppet government," he said. "If it were that kind, we would not support it because it would not last."

He said he talked over the situation "hour after hour" with French leaders on several days last week.

THE AUSTRIAN TREATY

"There seems to be now more chance of co-ordination of ours and the French policies than heretofore," he said. "Meanwhile, the government of Vietnam, which was almost on the ropes a few weeks ago, seems to be gaining support both inside and outside the country."

Mr Dulles recounted the long negotiations, which involved meetings of diplomatic representatives over an eight-year period, for an Austrian treaty. He pointed out that many a time a treaty "seemed to be just around the corner."

"It turned out to be a series of corners," said Mr Dulles with a smile.

He praised the Austrian people for keeping their nerve during the long wait. The break finally came with the Soviet announcement a few weeks ago that it was willing to pull its troops out of Austria. Mr Dulles recalled.

"It was just one of those breaks that come along if you remain steadfast and keep the pressure on," he said.

He said the treaty signing ceremony last Sunday was an event that "those who saw it will never forget."

"The thing that struck me as I passed through the streets was the joy of the older people who knew the liberties of the past—17 years past—and at last saw them returned," he said. "I saw the older people jumping up and down with joy and it made your heart warm at the thought that you were able to make some contribution to this spirit of joy."

During his recital of the events in Austria, Mr Dulles was not interrupted by the President, who listened seriously and intently at his side.

The Secretary then turned to speculation on what the dramatic reversal of the Soviet policy in Austria might mean. He said that although what reasons motivated the Soviet change were not known, certain facts were clear.

For one thing, he said, this marked the first time that the Red Army had turned its face to the East since 1945.

"That is bound to have a tremendous impact in other countries where the Red Army is in occupation," he said. "Furthermore, the joy so manifest in the Austrian people is going to be contagious. And

it (the Austrian spirit) will surely spread to the neighbouring countries." — United Press.

Train Crash Drama

Johannesburg, May 17. Ambulances, with sirens screaming, sped to the scene of an expected train crash some 50 miles from here today and arrived minutes before the accident occurred.

Station masters at Devonport and Toevogel, north of Johannesburg, realised that two freight trains were speeding towards each other on the same track. They were powerless to warn or stop the two trains.

So they called the ambulances to be on hand when the collision occurred.

One engineer was sent to hospital with head injuries. All other trainmen managed to jump clear before the crash. Several freight cars and the engines telescoped, blocking the line. — United Press.

Duce's Body To Be Buried In Cemetery

From Conrad Allen

Rome, May 17. Mussolini's body will soon be handed over to his family for burial in the cemetery of his native village of Predappio, Central Italy.

Until recently the body has been hidden in a place in North Italy known only to the Prime Minister and to five high police officials. Then a few weeks ago it was secretly moved to the Capuchin monastery of Montepalco, eight miles from Predappio.

No official announcement has been made but I had the report confirmed by a member of the Mussolini family. The fact that the body has been brought so near to his native village is interpreted as a sign that final interment is imminent.

So far the government has kept the former Duce's body hidden in order to avoid political demonstrations by Fascists. — London Express Service.

Widow's Disclosure At Inquest

Newcastle, May 17.

A 28-year-old widow told an inquest here that she left her 85-year-old husband lying dead in their gas-filled kitchen for 20 minutes while she gave their son of ten his breakfast and sent him to school.

Only then did she inform the police.

The widow, Mrs Mary Senior, explained in reply to questions: "My husband was cold. I knew he was dead. I wanted the boy off to school because I knew how upset he would be."

Albert Senior, the husband, was last seen alive the previous night when he went to bed about 11 o'clock. The wife found him next morning on the kitchen floor lying by the gas oven.

She said he had been depressed because he had not a job and the local assistance people had suggested that she put their 17-month-old baby in a nursery and took a job herself.

His suicide note to her declaring, "This is all your doing," may have referred to her being charged recently in court.

They were married in 1945. The coroner decided that Senior committed suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed. — China Mail Special.

ALIMONY NOT ENFORCEABLE

New York, May 17.

An agreement by actress Bette Davis to pay \$250 (about £90) a month alimony to her former husband, the ex-boxer William G. Sherry, was held to be unenforceable by the superior court in Portland, Maine, today. Mr Sherry may appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Miss Davis paid alimony for three years after the agreement was signed in 1950. When she stopped paying, Mr Sherry said, "The actress is now married to actor Gary Merrill." — Reuter.

PRES. PERON ILL

Buenos Aires, May 17.

President Juan Peron of the Argentine was today reported to be suffering from influenza. He is 59. — Reuter.

GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Macmillan And Eden State Their Case

London, May 17.

Mr Harold Macmillan, British Foreign Secretary, said in a nation-wide television broadcast to-night that the German problem "cannot be treated like that of Austria" in the coming four-power talks.

He was replying to a question as Sir Anthony Eden and other top ministers faced a cross-examination by ten British editors in part of the Conservatives' general election campaign.

Mr Macmillan said of the German question that a solution must be found which reduced Russian fears — if any — "yet maintained the solid strength of the Western powers."

"If we give that away we shall lose the immense ground we have gained."

Mr Macmillan noted that although Russia had not yet formally replied to the Western owners' invitation to "summit" talks, Mr Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, told him in Vienna on Saturday that the Russian government "would be very happy to accept."

Germany's position would be a basic problem at the top-level talks at which "a lot of things" would be discussed, Mr Macmillan said.

Referring to suggestions that Germany should be neutralised, he quoted a recent speech by Sir Anthony Eden in which the Prime Minister had said "If Germany is to be neutralised and armed who is to keep her neutral? If she is to be kept neutral and disarmed, who is to keep her disarmed?"

KREMLIN QUERY

Mr Macmillan said: "It was always part of our Conservative government policy to seek these talks." But he stressed that satisfaction of the London and Paris agreement for "essential" West Germany was "essential" before such a meeting.

In a composite question on foreign issues Mr Macmillan was also asked whether British ministers were sure who the "summit level" is in the Kremlin now but he did not reply to this point.

One editor raised the question of the fight by Britain's Lancashire cotton area against cheap cloth imports and asked the government's view on "recent Socialist pressure" for restrictions on Indian textile imports.

Sir Anthony Eden said the Indian offer to take more exports was "helpful" but this did not solve the problem. To stop imports coming in from different parts of the Commonwealth raised a very big issue of another character affecting not only Lancashire but all our export trade. "That is not a decision I would be prepared to take in an election campaign," he said.

DISARMAMENT

Another editor said the world was geared to an armaments economy. In the event of disarmament, Britain's lifeline might well lie with her trade connections with the Commonwealth and Colonial empire. Was the Conservative Party fully conscious of this? he asked. "Emphatically yes," the Prime Minister said.

He added that he was not scared of the outcome of disarmament. Other schemes were being carried through which would counteract its effects, such as the Colombo Plan for Southeast Asian development. Britain's part must be the support of such schemes, especially in relation to the Commonwealth and colonies. — Reuter.

GOVT RESIGNS

The Hague, May 17.

The Dutch coalition government of Dr. Willem Drees to-night offered its resignation to Queen Juliana following its defeat in the Lower House on the domestic issue of higher rents. The Queen said she would consider the request, it was announced. — Reuter.

HOTEL TRAGEDY IN KOWLOON

Signor R. Pioppa, Commercial Attache of the Italian Consulate-General in Hongkong, this morning jumped or fell from a sixth floor window in the Peninsula Hotel, and died immediately from multiple injuries.

The tragedy occurred about 9.30 a.m.

Signor Pioppa arrived in the Colony about a year ago. Last night he booked a room at the Peninsula Hotel and was given one on the sixth floor which overlooks Hankow Road.

Many people saw the tragedy and the police and an ambulance were called immediately.

The deceased suffered severe injuries, including broken arms and legs, and he died before he could be removed to hospital.

The Italian Consulate-General refused to give any information. A spokesman, in reply to questions, declared, "No. I know nothing about it. I don't know anything."

Police confirmed the man's identity.

Activities To Be Suppressed

Tehran, May 17.

Provincial governors throughout Persia have been instructed to suppress the activities and publications of the Bahai religious sect, one of the world's newest religions. Asmudullah Alam, Persian Minister of the Interior, announced today. He added that implementation of these instructions was the responsibility of the security forces, and that unofficial moves against the Bahais would be punished. — Reuter.

Poles Getting Warmer

Geneva, May 17.

Meteorologists can now record the "warming" of the North and South Poles.

Dr Francis W. Remchelder, former President of the World Meteorological Organisation and head of the US Weather Bureau, made this disclosure here today.

He said the "warming" phenomenon has been going on for 50 years, and that scientists have up to now recorded a rise of one to two degrees centigrade in the Northern Hemisphere, where the ice was gradually melting, and the water and air getting warmer. — France-Press.

Earth Tremor Recorded

New York, May 17.

The Fordham University seismograph today recorded two strong earth tremors, believed to be located in Southeast Asia.

The Boston College seismograph recorded at about the same time (1509 GMT) two strong tremors in the area south of the Philippines. — France-Press.

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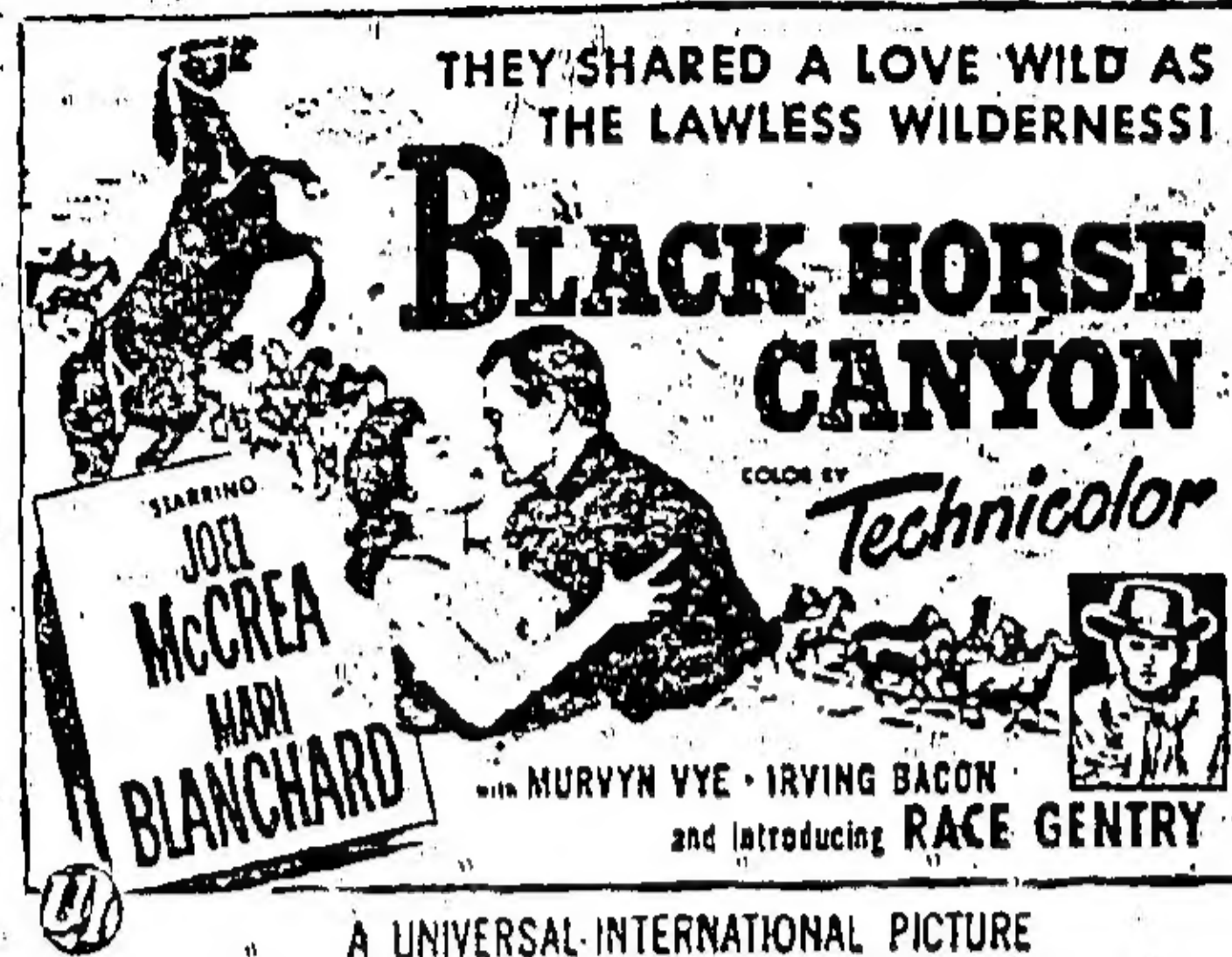
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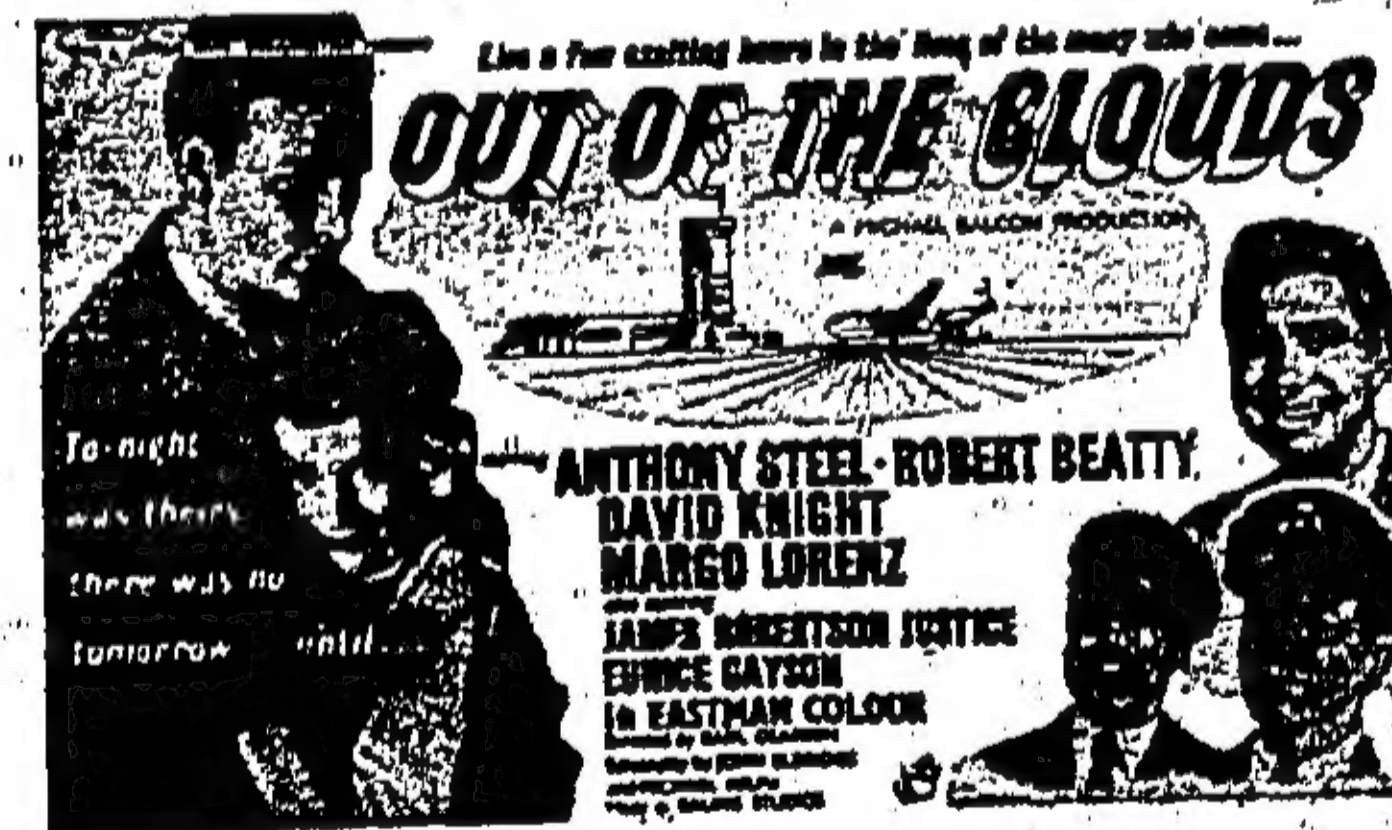
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Senator Demands Enquiry

Into U.S. Air Power

Washington, May 17. Senator Stuart Symington today demanded a Senate investigation to determine whether Russia is outstripping the United States in air power.

He told the Senate he was "shocked and astounded" by the Defence Department disclosure last week that formations of Red intercontinental jet bombers had been observed over Moscow.

Mr Symington, former Air Force Secretary, said "It is now clear that the United States, along with the rest of the free world, may have lost control of the air."

QUALITY AS WELL

"In quality as well as quantity of planes the Communists are at least in the process of surpassing the United States," he asserted.

Mr Symington also said that he is confident that Russia is "well ahead with the production of the possible ultimate weapon—the intercontinental ballistic missile."

Mr Symington asked if Russia may be taking the lead in air power "because some of us believe that money is more important than freedom?"—a thrust at President Eisenhower's military budget cuts.

Mr Symington introduced a resolution calling for a Senate investigation of the Defence Department announcement as well as an inquiry into "the relative strength of the Communist forces as against the forces of the free world in all military categories."

Mr Symington in his speech charged that the Defence Secretary, Mr Charles E. Wilson, throughout his term in office "has under-estimated the strength of the Communist and their ability to produce modern weapons."

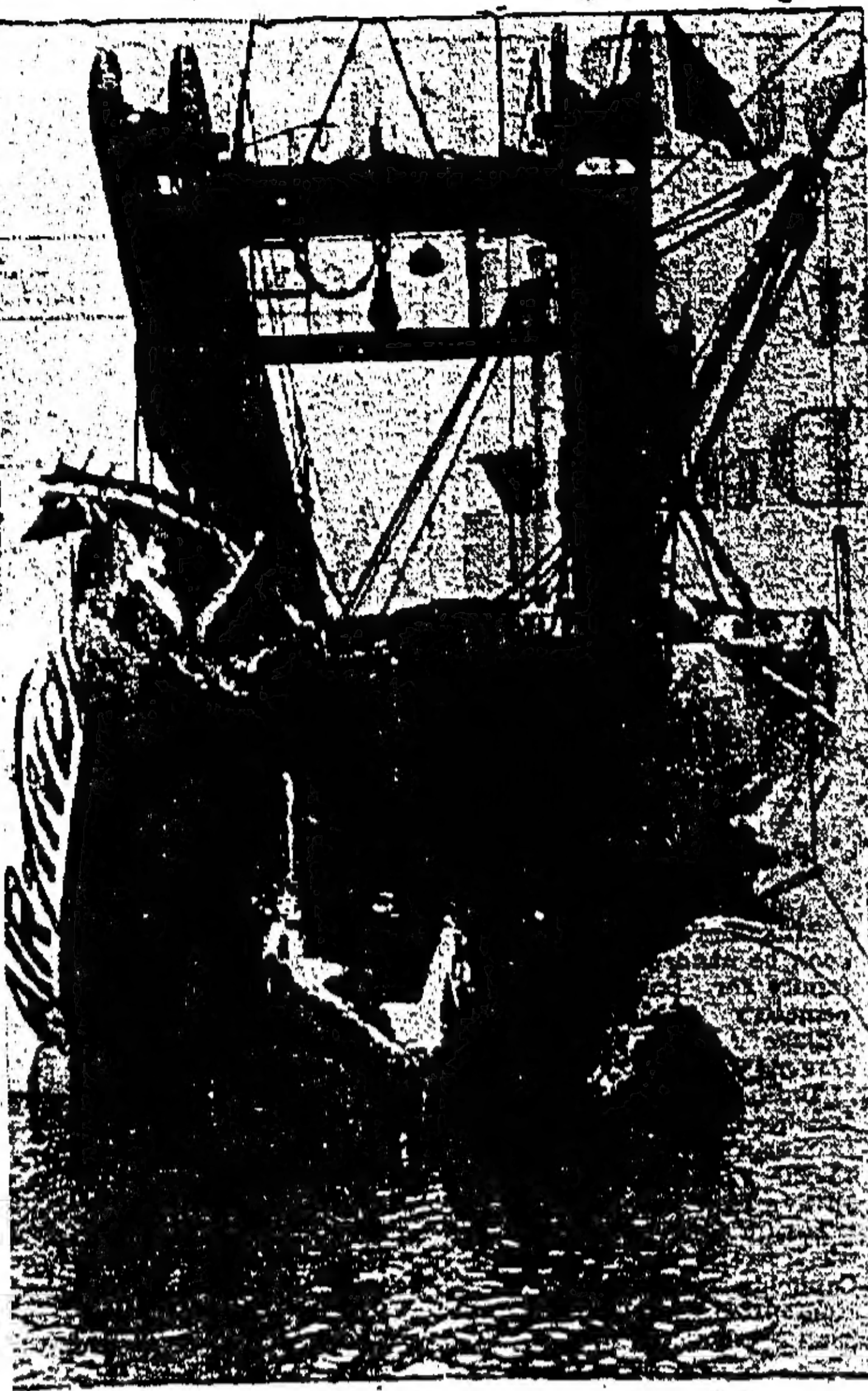
Only last year, Mr Symington said, Mr Wilson "emphasized to the American people that the Soviets were building primarily a defensive air force."

Mr Symington told a reporter earlier that Russia's "incredibly rapid development" of jet bombers indicates "they have more strength in the air than anybody knew about" and that it may force the United States to revolutionize its own air strength goals. — United Press.

Vienna, May 17. An Italian Jesuit priest, held for 10 years in Russian slave camps, said today that the Soviets have transformed the Russian church into a semi-government body, forced to swear loyalty to the Communist regime.

The priest, 41-year-old Pietro Leoni, said that priests of the Greek Orthodox Church were forced to sign a loyalty pledge to the Soviet Government, and many of them were convinced Communists. — United Press.

Air India Plane Salvage



HMS Barford, the British salvage vessel has been carrying out the salvage of the "Kashmir Princess", the Air India Constellation aircraft which crashed in Indonesian waters last month. Efforts are to be made to discover the cause of the crash following allegations by the Communist Chinese Government that the British Authorities in Hongkong were partly responsible. Chinese officials and journalists were among the 18 aboard the machine, of which there were only three survivors. They were on way to the Afro-Asian conference at Bandung. The machine crashed in six fathoms of water close off shore on the west coast of Great N-tina Island. Picture shows: The scene as the wrecked airliner is hauled out of the water during the salvage operations.—Express Photo.

SALK VACCINE PROGRAMME

Gross Incompetence Alleged

Washington, May 17.

Senator Wayne L. Morse said today that the Health Secretary, Mrs Oveta Culp Hobby "ought to be removed from her office for gross incompetence" in the handling of Salk Polio vaccine.

He made the statement in a Senate floor debate with Senator George H. Bender over whether the Administration's officials have bungled the vaccination programme.

Mr Bender said Mrs Hobby and Surgeon-General Leonard S. A. Scheele "are protecting the people of the United States, particularly the children, in handling this matter in the most professional way."

Mr Bender said Mrs Hobby and Surgeon-General Leonard S. A. Scheele made a "horrible mistake" in handling the vaccine. He said Mrs Hobby particularly "has been guilty of bad administration, that comes close to immorality."

He said both officials "have much to answer for." "We test and inspect meat more carefully in packing plants... than we test this vaccine," Mr Morse asserted in a Senate speech.

The Public Health Service disclosed meanwhile that it will take until mid-July or August to complete the current free inoculation programme for 9,000,000 first and second grade school children.

Only then will the Government's new voluntary distribution plan go into effect. And only then will more than 7,000,000 other children in the priority "five-through-nine" age group begin getting their shots. This represents a sharp setback in the vaccination timetable. But Health Service officials still expressed confidence that most five-through-nine youngsters will receive their two shots before the polio season hits its peak in various areas in August and September.

Mr Morse said that both Mrs Hobby and Dr Scheele have proved their "incompetence" and are now trying to "alibi" for their handling of the vaccine programme.

Both knew months ahead of time that the vaccine would

probably be ready for use this spring, and that it would be scarce. Mr Morse said, "But neither one took care of the boys and girls or the parents of America" by preparing for adequate testing and distribution controls, he said.—United Press.

BAD ADMINISTRATION

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NAZI GAOLERS GET DEATH

Paris, May 17.

Three ex-Nazi German gaolers were today sentenced to death by the Paris Military Court for their activities in the concentration camp of Struthof in Alsace during World War Two.

Albert Fuchs, Weigand Seuss and Franz Ehrmann Traut were condemned to death. Herbert Oehler to hard labour for life and Robert Nitsch to 15 years' hard labour. — France-Press.

SENATOR GEORGE GRATIFIED

Washington, May 17.

Mr Walter F. George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today he was "very much gratified" about prospects for improved world conditions.

He made this observation after hearing a long report by the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

Both Mr George and Mr Dulles refused to discuss any details of Mr Dulles' testimony pending the Secretary of State's nationally televised report to the public at 11 p.m. GMT.

Mr George said he was "very much gratified at what I regard as significant accomplishments" during Mr Dulles' eventual trip in Europe last week. He especially mentioned the signing of the Austrian peace treaty and admission of West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Earlier, Mr George voiced optimism about Russia's attitude toward the coming Big Four conference. He said that the Soviets "seem to be willing to concentrate on the big problems ahead" of "softening tensions as much as possible."

He also said the Soviets "seem not to have raised any collateral issues" which might become stumbling blocks at the meeting.—United Press.

JAP JUMPERS LEAVE FOR AMERICA

Tokyo, May 17.

SIX Japanese frogs who grew up in the untrodden calm of a ditch in rural Japan left here today by air for the United States carrying return tickets as a symbol of their hope they can survive the busy life of 20th century American civilization.

They were flying on empty stomachs — to San Francisco on the way to Anacapa Camp, Calaveras in California, where they hope to break all existing world jumping re-

ords and win a prize of \$1,000.

The jumping contest, an annual event commemorating Mark Twain's story "Jumping frog of Calaveras County," is being held from May 20 to 22.

Despite their stunts as the chosen representatives of their country, the frogs were travelling under the classification of "cargo." As "cargo," they would have no meals served aboard the plane.

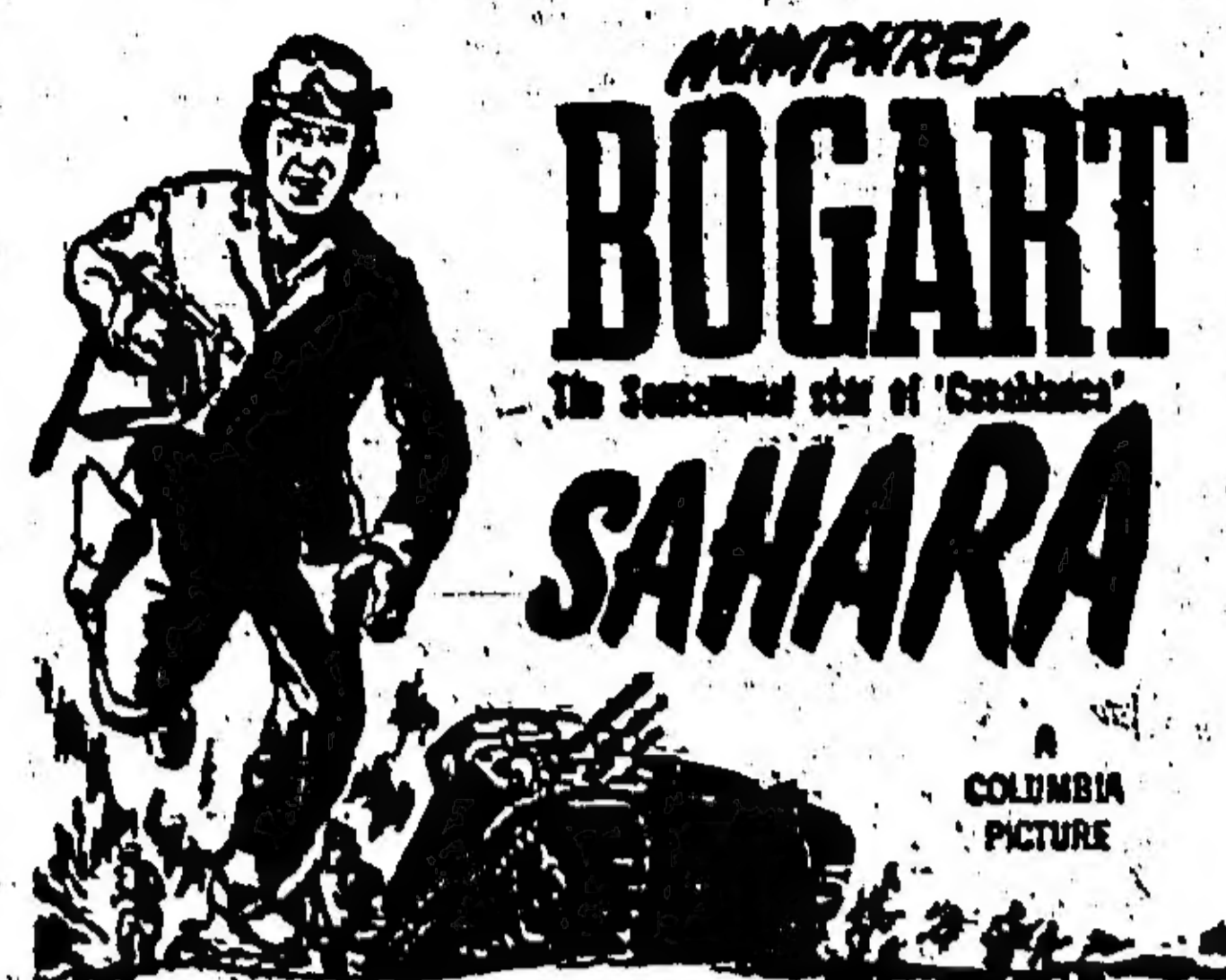
Airlines representatives explained: "We don't include flies and mudfish (as which the frogs have been training) on our menus."

But he added: "They will be sure of finding good rich American food when they arrive."

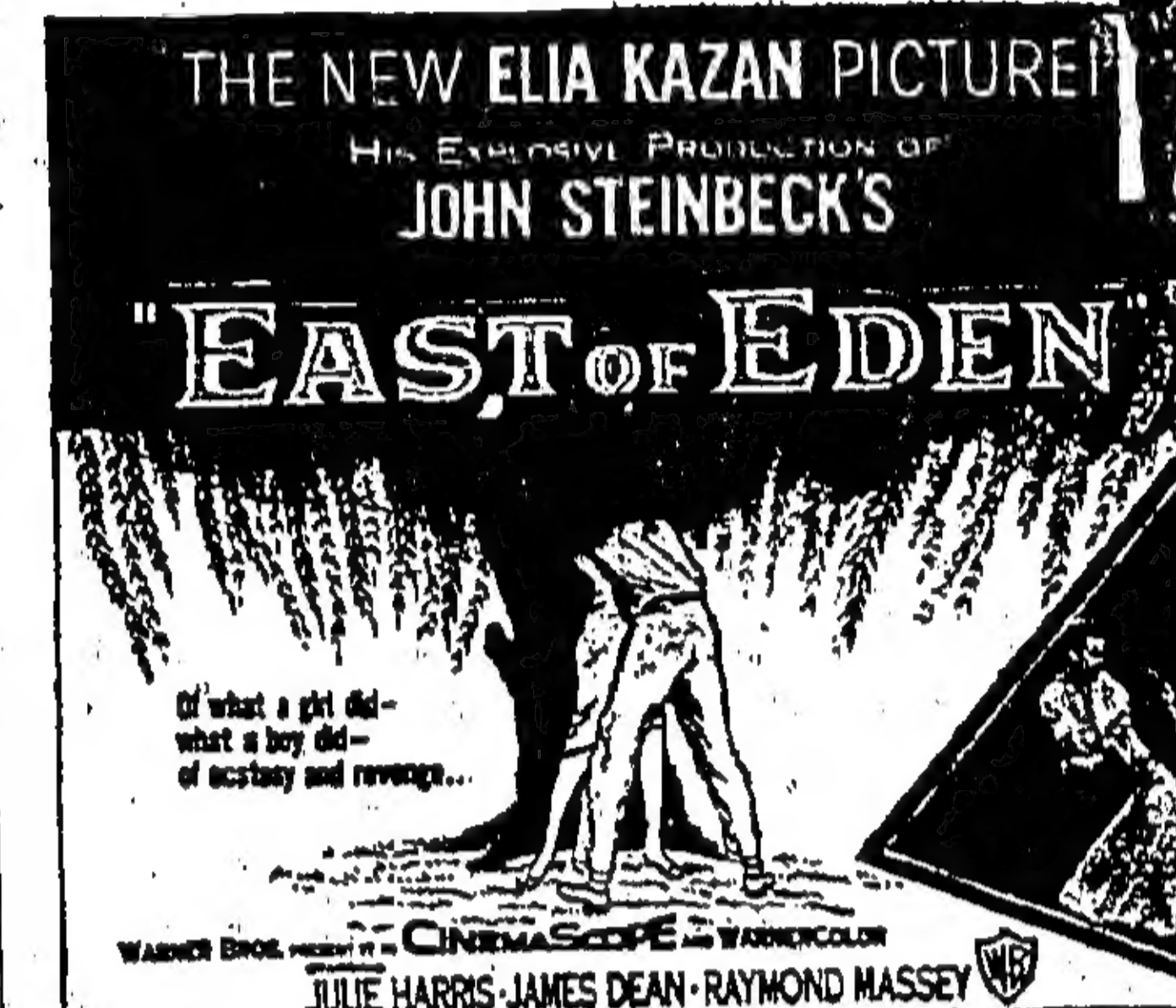
Five frogs were originally chosen for the contest but their trainer, Ryozo Isobe, a noted bird fancier, included a sixth at the last moment "because he was shaping so well." — China Mail Special.

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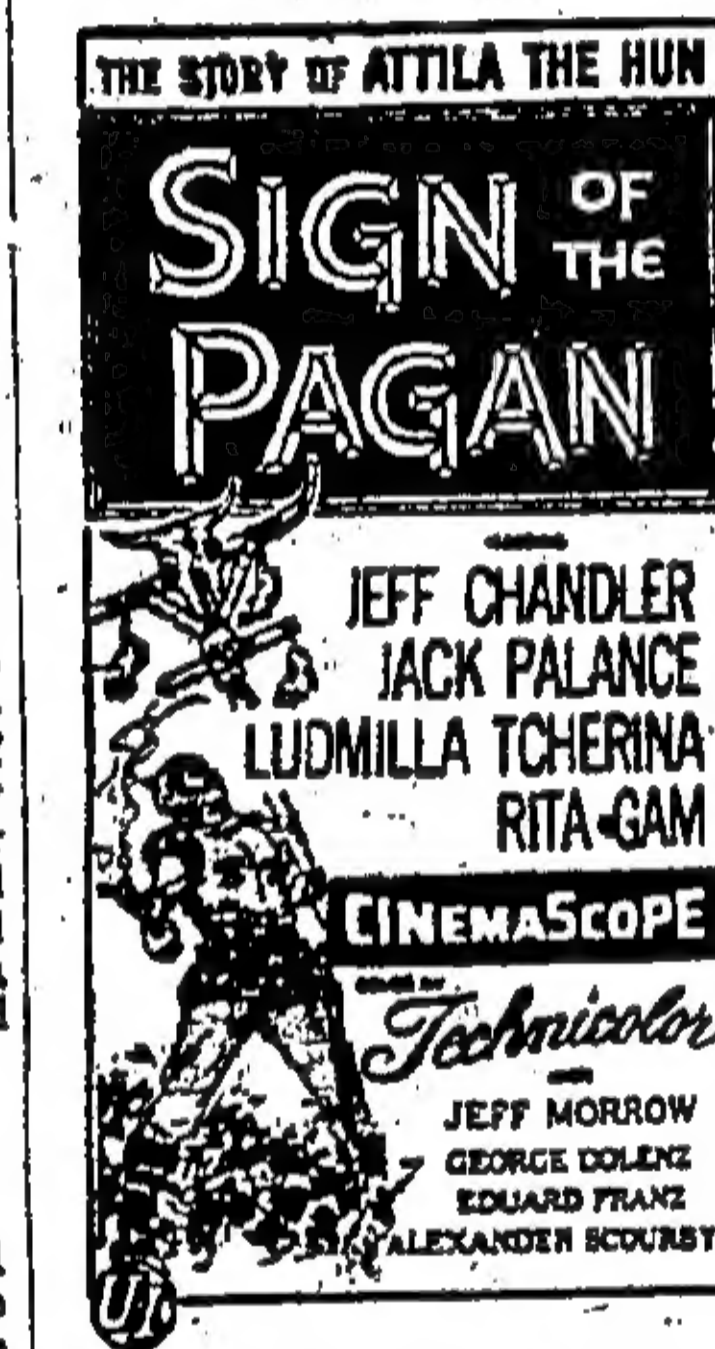


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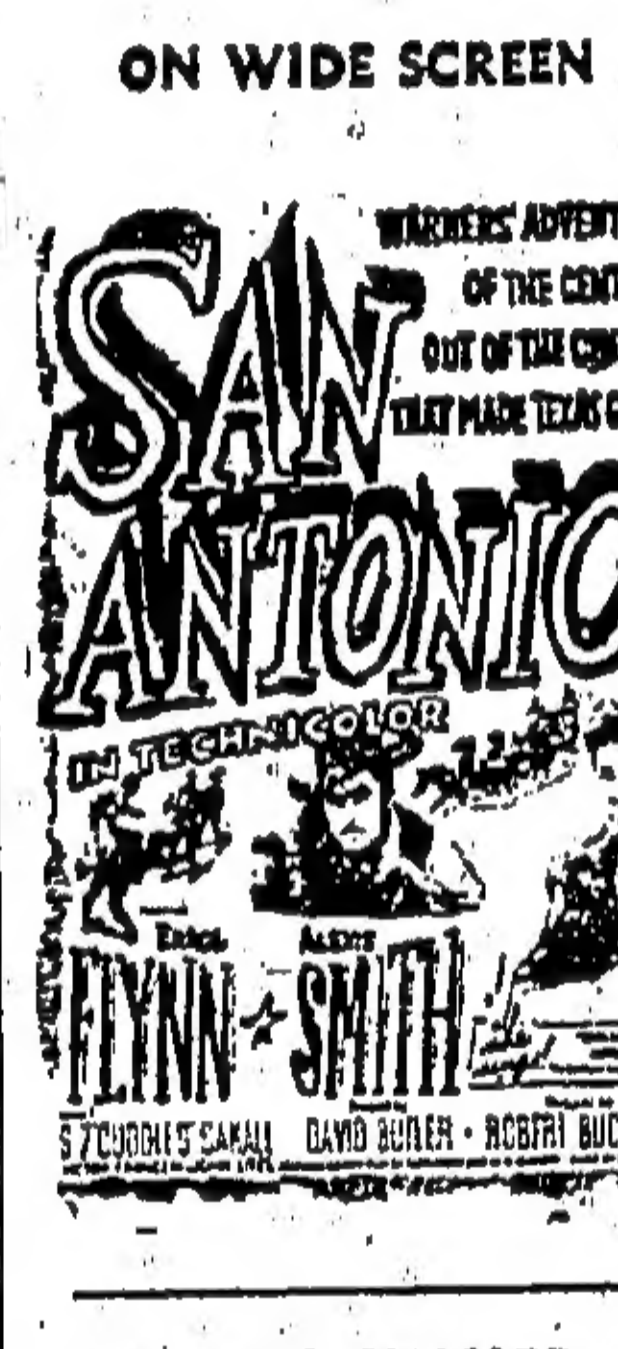


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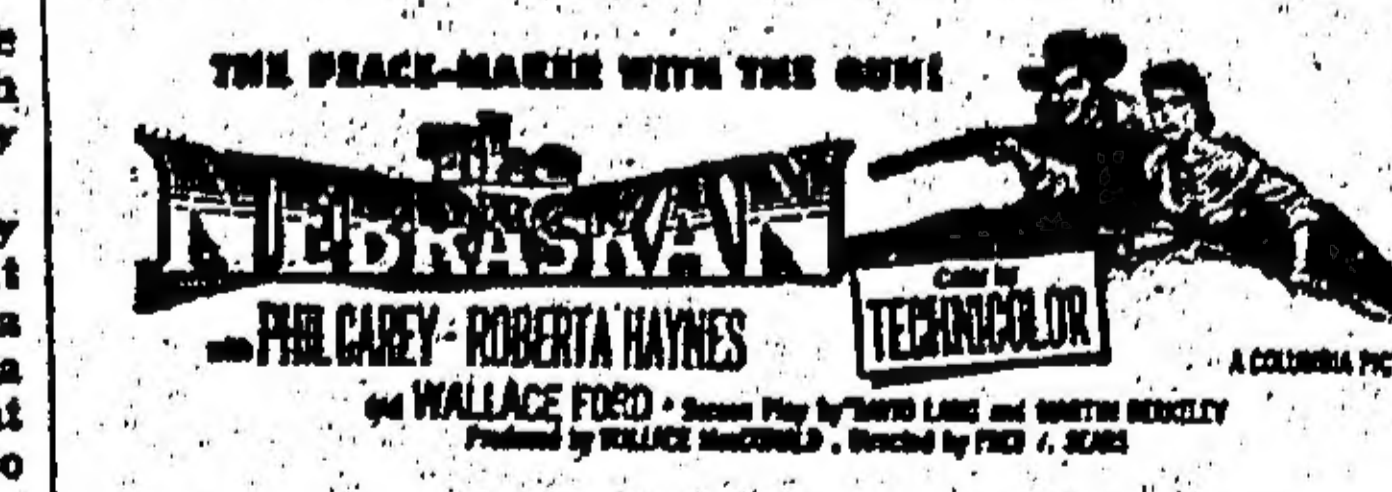
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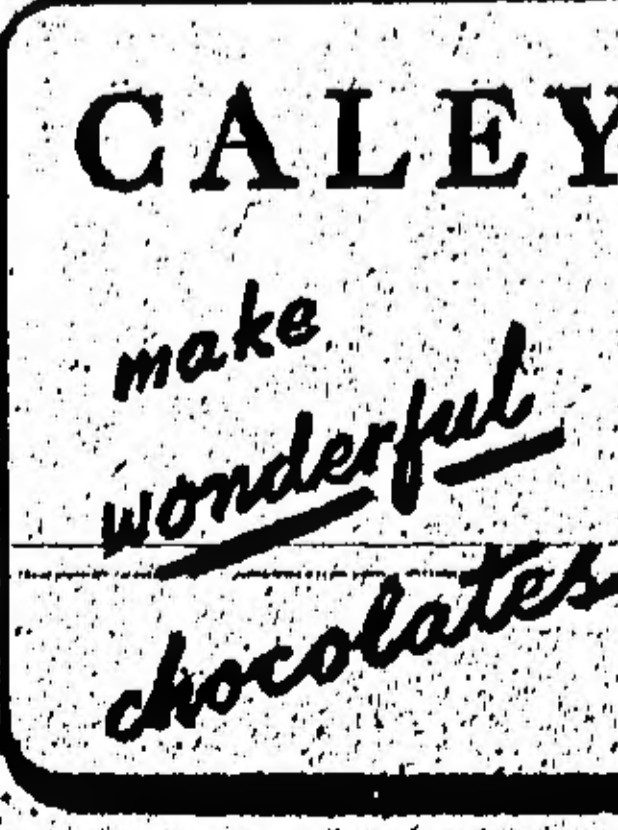
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PROPOSALS AWAITED

Bonn, May 17.

West Germany will await Austrian proposals for a settlement of the dispute between the two countries on the future of former German property in Austria, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight.

The Government decided to wait and see what Austria has to suggest as a result of a two-hour meeting today between Dr C. H. Mueller Graf, West German trade chief in Vienna, and Professor Walter Hallstein, permanent head of the Foreign Office.

West Germany told Austria yesterday of her disappointment at the terms of the Austrian State treaty signed on Sunday with Britain, the United States, France and Russia.

The Foreign Office spokesman said a statement by Dr Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor, that ways and means can be found to settle the dispute had been noted.

The original draft treaty was said to have left open the possibility of former German property being returned to Germans while that signed on Sunday permits only the return of property valued at up to \$10,000 (£3,600) to private individuals.

Herr Mueller Graf, who was recalled from Vienna, has left Bonn for a long holiday.—Reuter.

Britain & India Could Show The World

London, May 17.

Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former President of the United Nations, declared in London last night that Britain and India could show the world through the British Commonwealth that East and West can work together.

In this inter-dependent world a nation could reach understanding with another more quickly if they had some link. India had been so influenced by Britain—her laws, parliamentary democracy and many other aspects of her life—that her decision to remain in the Commonwealth after gaining independence came naturally.

London, May 17.

Mrs Pandit, now Indian High Commissioner in London, stressed that the British Commonwealth had been greatly strengthened by this inclusion among its members of both Eastern and Western nations.

A TRIUMPH

India's decision was a triumph for the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, who taught his country to labour for what was considered right without malice and with goodwill.

The nation secured her freedom from Britain without bitterness, without grudges against anybody and with the desire to create and strengthen bonds of friendship with all.

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Mrs Pandit said that all through the Indian national struggle there was an increasing awareness of the position of women and women themselves had played so large a part in that struggle that when freedom came they took their place naturally in public life. Indian women took political life in their stride.

While everyone in India was not literate there was a cultural pattern handed down through the ages which gave them the necessary background and made them rounded personalities.

"The East is definitely aware and women of the East are conscious of the need to join hands with women everywhere and with human beings everywhere," Mrs Pandit said.

She was speaking at a reception held for her by the National Women's Citizen Association, —China Mail Special.

Reparations
Will Pay For
Electric Scheme

Rangoon, May 17. Japanese war reparations payments to Burma will be used to finance a hydro-electric project started 300 miles north of Rangoon, official sources disclosed here today.

The project will cost 170,000,000 kyats (\$38,000,000). The plant will be built at Blauchung and will provide 84,000 kilowatts of electrical energy when completed. It is expected to be finished in 1957.

Last year the Burmese Government engaged the Japanese firm which constructed the Yalu hydroelectric plant in North Korea to do the work. The same firm will continue the construction under the new arrangement.—France-Press.

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BOYCOTT FRENCH GOODS

Karachi, May 17.

THE only way for Moroccans to get back their freedom was to boycott French goods and fight French colonialists, Si Allal El Fassi, head of the Istiqlal Moroccan Nationalist Party, told a Press conference here today.

El Fassi, who was on his way back home from the Asian-African conference in Bandung last month, said that the two principal problems were the return of the exiled Sultan, Sidi Mohammed Ben Yussuf and the restoration of full Moroccan sovereignty.

London, May 17.

He praised the efforts of the Bandung conference to find a solution to the colonial problem, but added that these would remain only "ink on paper" if not supported by effective action.

He said he hoped that, if the same spirit animated the Asians and the Africans at the forthcoming session of the United Nations, "a lot of good" would be done with regard to North African problems.

El Fassi, who is staying in Karachi till May 21, hopes to be received by Mr. Mohammed Ali, the Pakistani Premier, and to ask him to continue to give support to the Moroccan cause.—France-Press.

Seoul, May 17. A South Korean Army headquarters spokesman said here today a 38-year-old Army Chief of Staff General Chung Il Kyon would visit the United States in mid-June.

The spokesman said Chung would remain in the United States for about a month. General Chung was invited by the American Department of the Army to visit military installations.—Reuter.

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PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION Stevenson Denies Ultimatum

Boston, May 17.

Mr Adlai E. Stevenson denied today that he had received an ultimatum to make up his mind whether to seek the Democratic presidential nomination next summer or yield to Governor Averell Harriman of New York.

Mr Stevenson met newsmen at Logan airport, where he stopped on a flight from Africa to New York. He combined legal business in Johannesburg with a sight-seeing tour of the "dark continent."

Asked to confirm reports that he had conferred with Mr Harriman and received the ultimatum, Mr Stevenson said:

"Neither is true. Neither the conference nor that statement."

On other points, the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate told newsmen:

1. Russia offered Austria independence "as bait to Germany."

2. "I am very optimistic about the future of Africa's Gold Coast region" (his four-week tour ended in that area). He said his optimism was based on "sound and sober British direction" and "every assiduous native government."

Mr Stevenson left New York on April 18 and visited Italy and the African States of Kenya, Uganda, Belgian Congo, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, the Union of South Africa, and French West Africa.

He said Communism is not a major problem south of the Sahara.—United Press.

DIAMOND
DEMAND
EXCEEDS
SUPPLY

London, May 17. All signs point to this year being a record prosperous year for diamond producers with demand outstripping supply.

Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, Chairman of the De Beers Consolidated Mines, announced today.

In his Chairman's statement published with the De Beers full accounts, Sir Ernest said that all producers were working to capacity and that the Consolidated Company of South-West Africa was raising its monthly output from 57,000 carats to 70,000 carats by the end of the year, while record developments by the Williamson Diamonds Company of Tanyanyika will produce a larger output.

This increase will bring output of gem diamonds somewhere near the demand, Sir Ernest said, but markets will soon have to be found for industrial diamonds. Current production of industrial diamonds is being disposed of by the very strong demand from the United States for stockpiling. But he pointed out that this stockpiling would not go on indefinitely.—United Press.

Early 30's Are Dangerous
For Marriages

London, May 17. The early 30's are the danger years for divorce, especially if a marriage is between 10 and 15 years old.

Britain's Registrar-General, Dr George North, has given this warning in the 1953 civil statistical review for England and Wales.

That year 30,326 decrees were made absolute. The favourite complaint was desertion.

The review said that in over 3,400 divorce cases in 1953 the marriage had lasted 20 years or more.

New divorce petitions fell to 30,542, a drop of over 1,000 compared with 1952.

There were fewer marriages too. The figures—344,998—was the lowest since 1944.

The review said that though the most common age for marriage was still 23 for men and 21 for women, there were 250 marriages in which the bridegroom was 30 or over.

At six weddings the bridegroom was over 50, at 47 the bride was between 30 and 35.

More than 2,300 illegitimate children were legitimated by subsequent marriage of the parents.

ONE JUMP AHEAD

Sydney, May 17.

A rare, snow-white kangaroo has defied scores of attempts by skilled hunters to capture him alive.

The kangaroo lives in wild country 450 miles west of here.

He has eluded pursuit by cars and fast horses and escaped from one party of hunters by plunging into a river and swimming away with only his eyes and nose above water.

Hunters say the kangaroo is an albino of the giant red species and the largest ever seen in Australia.

It would be worth "A £500 (£2,400 sterling) if caught unharmed."—China Mail Special.

'Summit Conference'

Adenauer
Declaration
Expected

Bonn, May 17.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, is expected to give his views on the prospects of the planned Big Four "summit conference" when he delivers a Government declaration to the Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament) during a foreign policy debate on May 27.

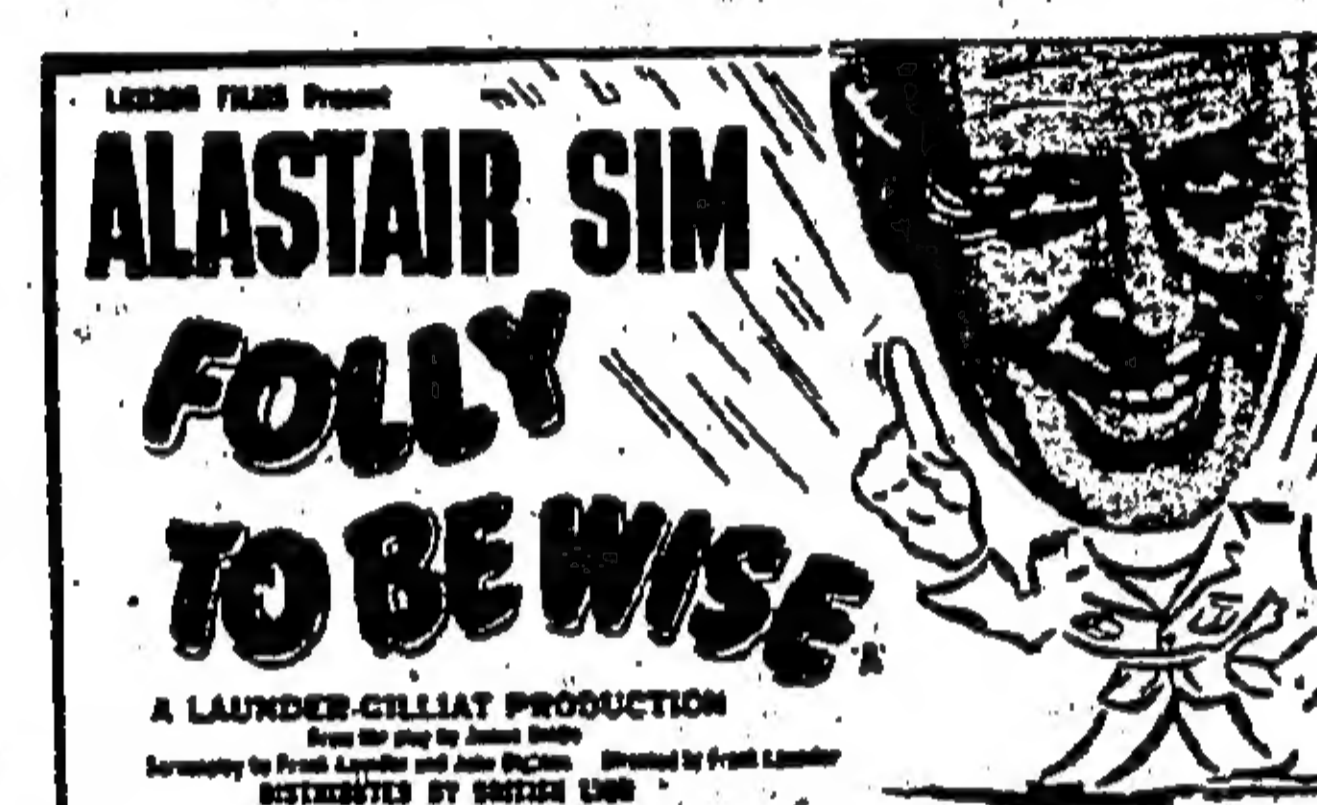
Parliamentary sources said that Dr Adenauer had decided to reply to a Social Democratic (opposition) interpellation placed today on the agenda for the May 27 session.

The interpellation calls on the Government to disclose its proposals for the planned Four Power conference on Germany and European security, and to state publicly what it intended to do "to prevent the Four Powers from maintaining the present division of Germany."

The planned Government declaration will be Dr Adenauer's first to Parliament since he steered West Germany into sovereignty and the West European Union and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation two weeks ago.—Reuter.



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Nathaniel Gubbins

AS things are looking pretty grim, it is not surprising that a cautious newspaper correspondent is already asking, "What is heaven like?" and "Shouldn't our religious teachers in these days give us a new conception of it?"

I must confess that this problem has always bothered me because the people who appear to think they are going to heaven are never the people you could be happy with for eternity, or even for five minutes.

Although I have the greatest respect for other people's religious beliefs, I have often wondered what the spiritualists' heaven is like. According to their own evidence, it is full of uncles and aunts you may never want to see again and gloomy Red Indians who would never want to meet. Therefore, I think their heaven may be the other place.

I have also asked what the Salvation Army's heaven is like. Again, I have the greatest respect for their beliefs and good works, but if their heaven is full of tone-deaf bandmen blowing trumpets and banging drums for ever and ever, then they can have it.

And now I have read about the Rev. C. L. Lacey of Washington, U.S., who preached a nine-hour sermon lasting 48 hours 15 minutes, I am beginning to wonder where he is going and hoping I'm going somewhere else.

Yes, even the other place would do.

Cat's Life

HERE is a boxing commentary by your Uncle Nat, published in The Animal's Newspaper, of a one-round contest between two heavy-weight tom cats, Basher Tibs and the Southpaw Mog, for the favours of Lottie the Devil Cat. The fight took place in the garden of the Sec New, Lottie and several excited girl friends, occupied grandstand seats round the dustbin.

Well, there they are in their corners. Basher Tibs looks the heavier of the two, but the Southpaw Mog has the edge on him for speed. Both boys look

fit, and the result may depend on whether the slow moving, heavy punching Basher will be quick enough to dodge the lightning lefts and vicious right upknights of the Southpaw.

Well, here they are, coming out of their corners. They touch paws and break away. Each boy circles the ring watching the other for an opening move. The Basher leads with the left, but the Southpaw sways his head, back and the punch whistles harmlessly past his whiskers.

Now the Basher tries another left followed by a right swing, but the Southpaw is out of the way in a flash. This Southpaw boy is very quick on his feet and is probably waiting for the Basher to leave an opening.

The Basher tries again with another left and another right swing but misses. He is very wide of the mark but if one of those powerful rights connects it is certainly going to shake the Southpaw Mog.

But the Southpaw is not fazed out easily. He's waiting for his opportunity. And now he's got it. Yes, he's got his opportunity. The Basher has dropped his guard and is swinging wildly with lefts and rights. And the Southpaw, ducking and weaving, is going for his cat. He snakes out that lightning left to the Basher's nose and the Basher doesn't like it a bit. Now he snakes out another and another and yet another and the Basher is looking worried.

Once again that piston-rod left crashes on the Basher's nose. And the Southpaw Mog follows it up with a right to the stomach. And another right to the stomach. And another left to the nose and a vicious right uppercut to the jaw.

That right uppercut certainly hurt the Basher. He's in real trouble now. He's retreating to the garden wall and he's trying to cover up. But those lefts and rights get him every time and he must be a strong boy to be still on his feet.

Yes, the Basher is a strong boy, but he's getting tired. He tries to dodge those punches by going into a clinch. But the Southpaw breaks away and clips him with a left. Then another left and a right. And another left and another right.

And the Basher's down. Yes, the Basher's down. The Southpaw is biting his stomach. The girls are howling for the kill. One... Two... Three... No, he can't get up... Four... Five...

Political Corner

THE gods also seem to be having fun with the big shots of the Labour Party.

Innocents like myself who thought Clem Attlee had got rid of Nye Bevan were amazed to read that Nye Bevan may have got rid of Clem Attlee.

Discussing the political situation with the Plucky Little Woman, I made what I thought was a profound observation.

"I said: 'The desperate situation of the world today has given the masses in Britain a craving for neutrality. In Nye Bevan they see the only political leader who might possibly bring it about. If he formed a Neutrality Party he might sweep the country with the battle cry of 'A plague on both your houses', meaning, of course, America and Russia.'"

But the P.L.W. wasn't interested in this angle. She wanted to know if Clem and Nye were on speaking terms.

"I said: 'Of course they are. Politicians who savage each other in public don't always quarrel in private.'"

She said: "When they meet don't they cut each other with knives in the car? Or push into each other as they pass in corridors?"

"I said: 'They probably have lunch together.'"

She said: "If they were washing their faces side by side in the House of Commons cloakroom wouldn't Nye grab the only piece of soap?"

"I said: 'They must have more than one piece of soap in the House of Commons cloakroom.'"

She said: "And wouldn't Clem have his revenge by using the last dry space left of the telly towel?"

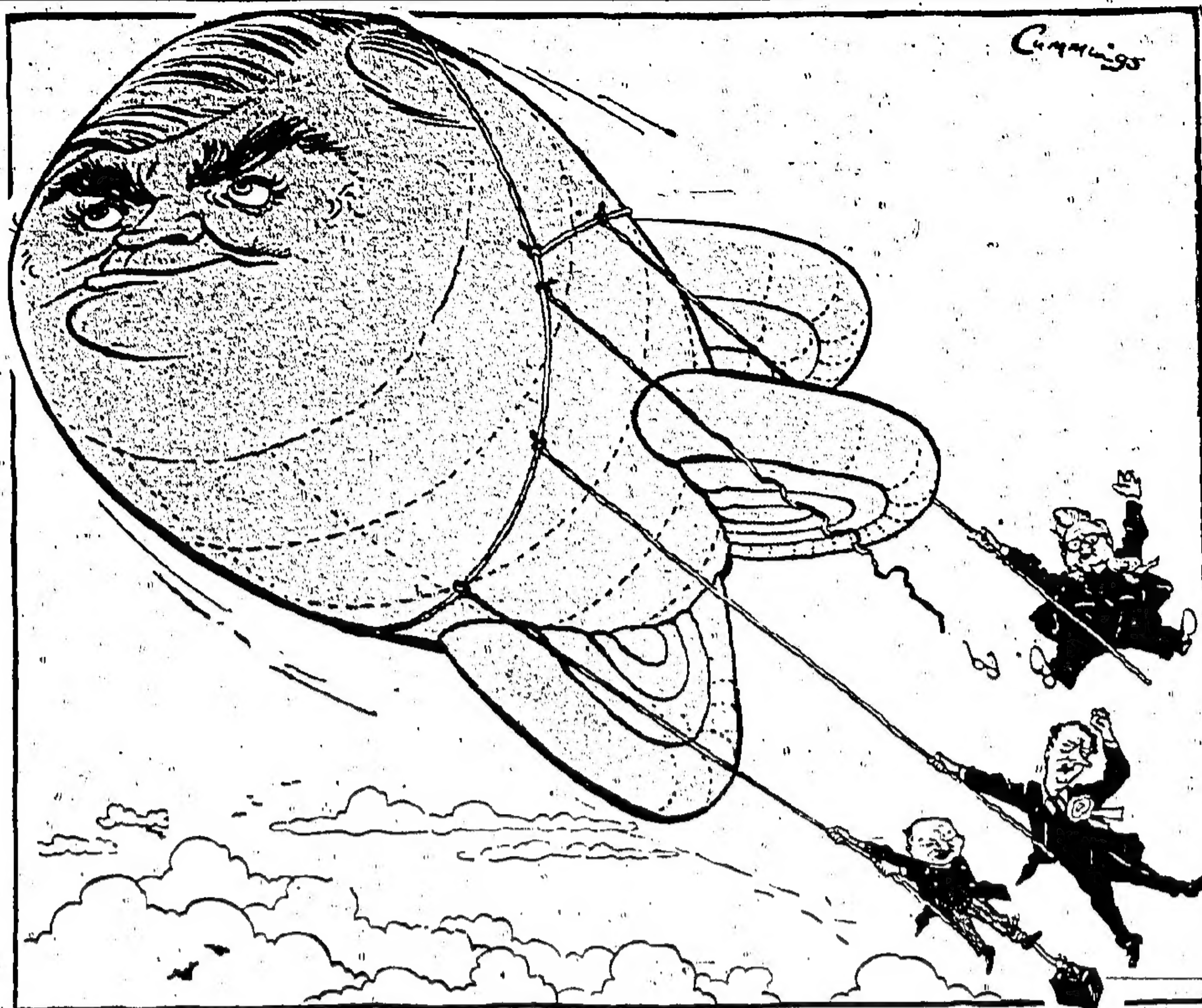
"I said: 'You probably think they would splash each other with water from the basin?'"

She said: "That was what I was hoping."

"I said: 'It looks as if gods are having a go at you, too. Men are not children.'"

She said: "Aren't they?"

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DID IT HAPPEN? THE MAN WHO LOVED LIFE...

By Peter Ustinov



YOU can see him tonight on TV in his Chelsea home—the fabulous young playwright, actor, screen, producer, director, film writer, broadcaster, TV personality, raconteur. And he is not yet 34. During the war he served in the Royal Sussex Regiment and the R.A.O.C. and he was released to work on the film The Way Ahead, of which he was co-author and which is the subject of this story.

He was married last year for the second time, has a daughter by his first wife.

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to refuse, we looked at one another. I understood. I accepted.

After a lunch of sandwiches, we went to the front door, and found it open. We entered to find rooms decorated with a surprising opulence. The entrance hall was large and lofty. All the doors of the rooms were open, and gave us at a glance a clear impression of this palatial interior in which the taste was

In spite of his grin, there was a certain irritation in his voice.

He was a stout man with a head like a rugby football, bald and pink. His eyes were light blue and they sparkled with friendship and irony. A man, one would say, of intense, brilliantly cultivated charm, not French, not Italian, not Arabic, but of some elaborate nationality of his own. Every Mediterranean country from Syria to Spain must have had some distant hand in his manufacture.

His wife was less reassuring. She never seemed to look anyone in the eye but just ran nervously hither and thither dropping things as though bullied almost to distraction by the simple presence of her husband. He ignored her completely but asked us some conventional questions about the movies in a warm, caressing voice. Then he offered us a brandy. We declined.

Smoke rings

He ignored our refusal. "Ramy Martin, Bisquit Dubouche?" he asked. Surprised, we made our choice. "Cigar?" he asked. We knew too well the raucous little weeds then available. We refused again. "Romero y Julieta. For Larranga?" he asked. Once again, we embarrassedly made our choice.

Conversation no longer mattered. As we warmed our brandy in our balloon-glasses and blew smoke rings to the ceiling we daydreamed about life before the war, life after the war, life... life... how full of good things it was in spite of the occasional discomfort!

Through the haze of pleasure I heard the voice of the Patron droning on. He was no longer asking questions. He was complaining of the rigours of existence, the dirt of North Africa, the dishonesty of its merchants. He had a nostalgia for Cannes and the French Riviera. He also liked Luxor, I remember and both Salonika and Smyrna held perfumed memories for him. "Still," he said, with a sigh, "I must not complain. I have a very good contract with Allied Force Headquarters. They pay well and promptly. Life could be worse..."

"What do you make?" I asked, idly puffing at my cigar.

"Coffins."

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H. E. BATES

Did yesterday's story—One Man Did Not Turn By, by Deslee Robinson—actually happen? (The answer?) NO.

The Best Club In The World

By J. W. Taylor

THOSE men and women soon to be sent to Parliament by the British voters at this Election who are new to Westminster will soon understand why the House of Commons is said to be the best club in the world. This will gradually dawn upon the "new boy" as an "old boy," acting as guide, takes him into the innermost sanctum—the Smoke Room.

Here that comradeship is engendered which makes the British Parliamentary system work in the House of Commons as nowhere else in the world. It chafes even the most fiery of MPs. Party barriers are broken down. Soon the new Member is chatting amiably with men whose politics he has just been denouncing as ruinous for the country. The impetuous confidence may be exchanged within its walls without the slightest fear of betrayal.

There are seventeen hundred rooms in the Palace of Westminster, but the new MP cannot hope to win one of these for his personal use until he becomes a Minister. Like the rest of the rank and file members, all he can expect is a locker.

But his real problem will be where to sit. Theoretically, no MP has the right to sit in any special place in the House, but in practice Members usually sit in the same place once they have found it. Some are most indignant should a usurper occupy it.

MAIDEN SPEECH

One thing is certain. The new MP must not sit on the Front Benches above the gangway nor on the Bench behind the Government. This latter is reserved for the Parliamentary Private Secretaries. Then again, it would be most tactless to sit immediately behind the Opposition Front Bench. Someone would likely accuse him of staking out a claim for office. And to take the lowest seat would, as it were, be the opposite error, for someone would say that he was a little independent of his party.

If the new Member's guide is a really seasoned Parliamentarian, his straining at the leash to deliver his maiden speech may no doubt be eased somewhat by his guide delivering the Disraeli homily: "It is better, that other Members should wonder why you do not speak rather than that they should wonder why you do."

Before the "new boy" reaches the Smoke Room, his guide will have taken him to the policeman at the entrance to the House for a formal introduction. The name and features will immediately be memorised by a custodian who takes pride in remembering a Member once having seen him and heard his name. This procedure will be repeated at certain inner doors, many of which are barred to new Members.

SWEARING-IN

After the election and swearing-in of the Speaker there are several days of swearing-in of Members in the Commons Chamber, the Speaker calling upon them on the various Benches in turn—the Government Front Bench first, then the Opposition Front Bench, and so on.

After he has been sworn, the new Member will step forward to shake hands with the Speaker. For the next few days after this there is nothing he can do except to explore ways and means of more easily finding his way about the Palace.

Here the Member will be lucky if he gets to know more than a fraction of it. Indeed one veteran and distinguished Parliamentarian once avowed that he got to know more about Barry's great building as member of the Palace of Westminster Home Guard than he ever did as a Member of Parliament.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



Well, who said it who was always going on at the door: child about being solely for pleasure?



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IT was 1942. The atmosphere in North Africa was turbulent and unhappy. The Tunisians were not particularly pleased at being occupied by so many armies in rapid succession. No sooner had the Germans and Italians gone than Americans, British and their traditional protectors, the French, descended on them.

The French, who had fought heroically in the recent past, were full of quite understandable complexes. Their pay was so bad that they couldn't afford toothpaste and their position as homecoming saviours was undermined by the presence of richer armies and more ponderous and highly organised administrations.

The British walked about in silent couples, uncommunicative and proud. The Americans rushed hither and thither in an astonishing variety of battle wagons.

On reserve

I had been temporarily placed on the reserve in order to work on the film "The Way Ahead." We were shooting in the street of a shabby little Tunisian seaport. The weather was overcast and sad. The local population was not particularly helpful, regarding us with the same haughty suspicion as it reserved for the military of any nation. The people responded to any invitation to co-operate by vanishing into their melancholy shells. It was hard work and totally unrewarded by any trace of that carefree Mediterranean climate which so quickly soothes the passions and neutralises the anger.

At a pinch we might have been in the industrial north at the time of Dickens.

Standing like a sentinel over this dismal scene was a large, modern house. It was spotlessly clean, and I could just see expensive curtains elegantly draped round the windows. There was a brass plate near the front door of quite unnecessary grandeur, like the plates they put up on consulates. For three days I had noticed the curtains rustling vaguely in



Drawing by Koolman.

She was no more than about 17, very pretty and timid, and yet dressed with all the excessive ornamentation of a Victorian between-maid.

a ground-floor room, as though some hidden figure was watching us. Then on the morning of the fourth day, the front door opened, and a girl ran towards me.

She would have looked incongruous anywhere; here in Tunisia, she looked like a cruel caricature, for she was certainly no more than about seventeen years old, very pretty and timid, and yet dressed with all the excessive ornamentation of a Victorian in-between-maid.

It was the only time I have ever heard the Tunisians laugh aloud. The girl blushed and dropped a curtsy. She was North African too, but trained in all the exaggerated decorum of Europe 1880.

She talked so softly that I had to strain to understand her. Apparently "Le Patron" was an avid film fan. He had been watching our difficulties fascinated from his study window. Now in gratitude for his entertainment he was inviting Captain (now Sir Carol) Reed and Private (now Mr) Ustinov to drink with him after lunch.

I consulted Carol and we had our doubts. Drink usually meant local whiskey, which might be any colour. Both almost certainly led to hospital. Still, Carol has an irrepressible taste for adventure. Having agreed

to go, we stood there in wonder, taking in the indiscriminate gilt and the vulgar finery, we heard a thick but friendly voice crying, "Entrez, messieurs, entrez." We went towards the garden, and found that the room with the french windows was the dining-room. "Le Patron" himself was sitting at the end of a long refectory table, a napkin tucked into his collar, finishing lunch. He did not rise, but just smiled.

His wife rose instead of him, and pushed forward some heavy chairs for us. When we made a gesture to help her Le Patron begged us to let her do it alone.

By "RECORDERS"

James Gamble of Prairie View Teachers College who cleared 2 feet 3 inches on April 2.

In the Hop, Step and Jump, popular event with American athletes only in Olympic years, there has been some activity this season. James Gamble has the best mark with 49 feet 11 inches. Erwin Cook has cleared 49:11 and Kent Floerke 49:04.

Warsaw, May 17.

59 hrs, 3 mins, 10 secs.
8. Joseph Verhelst (Belgium), 59 hrs, 3 mins, 24 secs.
7. Vladimir Voryin (Soviet Russia), 59 hrs, 2 mins, 43 secs.

Ambler and Capt. J. Welsh.
Anyone interested in joining
the club may get in touch with
the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J.A.
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Terrace, 2nd floor.

Pictured at Tilbury are Len Hutton, skipper of the successful English Test team, on his return from Australia, with Mrs Hutton (front), and Godfrey Evans, wicket-keeper, and his wife.—Central Press Photo.

By "NTACA"

quickly, next season will see a state of confusion on British roads, Time Trials and Massed Start Races being run by two organisations simultaneously with the poor racing man, his

Portrush, Northern Ireland, May 17

Canadian title in 1953 and the American title last year, she saved for three years to compete and Miss Mary Hampson, England, versus Miss Bridget Jackson, England. —Reuter.

DLS . . . by Betty Ann

...AND THEN WHEN THE WAITER BROUGHT THE COPPER, SHE DECIDED TO GIVE THE ORDER TO US.

SHE?

ER, YES, I SUSPECT.

ER, AFTER ALL, SHE'S A WOMAN.

LUNCH.

Bridgetown, Barbados, May 17.

DAVIS CUP
ITALY BEATS
GERMANY 5-0
Munich, May 17.

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in the concluding Single
usto Gardini beat Rupert Hob
O, 6-3, 6-3 and Giusepp
defeated Christop
ederlack 6-1, 8-6, 6-1.
Italy will meet Denmark

Tennis

Soccer
Champions v Rest at Club.
Boxing
Red Duster Match, Missions
Ladies.
Table Tennis
Japanese Stars v Hongkong
Queen Elizabeth II Stadium, Kowloon

Folkestone, England. May 17.

Gris Nez, France to England.
Florence Chadwick (United
States); Marilyn Bell (Canada)
and Brenda Fisher (Britain)
will compete over the rough
miles against swimmers from

New York, May 17.

Cleveland, 20-2 against Boston last season, had swept all 11 games here last year and the last two of 1953. Today, the Red Sox dissolved starting pitcher Early Wynn and four successors for nine hits. They included two

Southpaw Bill Henry won his first victory of the year but took Kinder's clutch pitching.

second home run of the season
his eighth home run over the
left field wall and Joost followed
with his.

With two men on in the seventh inning and nobody out Klinder came on to pitch to Dale Mitchell, pinch-hitting for Hank Foyles who had been an

That was all for Wynn, who was charged with his first loss of the year after three successive victories. He has beaten the Red Sox 28 times in his long career.

KINDER BEARS DOWN
The first time, Rodgers hit

The Red Sox sent 10 men to bat in a weird seventh inning. Cold weather postponed the game between the Cubs and Phillies. Six night games were scheduled. In the American

ly to start the ninth but the 40-year-old Kinder bore down to get the next three men. Henry had given six hits and struck out three before he was lifted.

League: Chicago was at New York, Kansas City at Washington and Detroit at Baltimore while in the National League Brooklyn was at St. Louis, New York at Milwaukee and

going into the Boston half of the fifth when Jensen unloaded.

1012 at
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
United Press.

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LATER BUT I SEE WHY I'VE BEEN PUT OUT BECAUSE TH' A GIRL



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SIMPSON MAY TAKE COCKELL ON A TOUR OF CANADA AND AMERICA

By SCOTT BAILLIE

San Rafael, California, May 17.

Manager John Simpson, still seething over the "tactics" used by World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano in last night's title fight against Britain's Don Cockell, said today he may take his boxer on a Canadian tour this Summer.

"We are going home to England where I will consider the possibility of taking Don on a tour through Canada later this year," Simpson declared. "I believe he would draw quite well."

Simpson said he might even take the beaten challenger on a tour of the States during the same junket.

Simpson said he was still incensed at referee Frankie Brown and the State Athletic Commission as the aftermath of last night's bout which saw Marciano stop Cockell in 10:54 of the ninth round.

"Brown let Marciano get away with just about every foul in the book—breaking California rules as well as the British ones," Simpson said.

"It was a case of head, wrists and elbows all night against my boy," Simpson went on.

Informed that he could take his case before the State Athletic Commission, Simpson only laughed.

"Go up against that mob again?" he asked. "What good would that do us? How far did we get when we discussed fouls with them before the fight? No, we'll just go about our own business here then head for home."

Simpson, waving a copy of a San Francisco newspaper, showed a group of pictures in which Marciano was photographed hitting Cockell with a right to the head after the challenger had gone down for the first of two trips to the Clinch.

"CAUGHT IN THE ACT" Simpson said. "In Great Britain he would have been tossed out of the ring for that because it would have been the latest in a series of fouls."

"Earlier in the fight we would not have thrown him out, just given him ample warning. But after ninth round exhibition, out he would go and Cockell would be the winner."

Simpson said that Cockell's biggest ambition was to get another crack at Marciano in a British prize ring.

"And Don would have a great chance of winning the bout in a land where the rules are enforced," Simpson said.

Cockell suffered a gash on his forehead during the fourth round which Simpson said was caused by Rocky's head while referee Brown said it came from a hard left hook.

"Brown claims a vertical cut like that was caused by a hook?" Simpson asked, incredulous. "He's a clever bloke, isn't he?"

Teddy Waltham, Secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, said that Marciano's butting tactics should be stopped "before he seriously injures somebody."

"Marciano could detach a retina in somebody's eye or cause some similar damage," Waltham said.

"And he would not have got away with any of that with a firm referee in England."

WARNINGS

Waltham repeated Simpson's earlier statement that "The Rock" would have drawn a couple of warnings then lost the fight on a foul in Great Britain. Waltham also blasted referee Brown.

"What gets me is that he did not caution Marciano once then had the audacity to call it a clean fight afterwards," Waltham said. "I think we ought to stick to the rules or throw the book out the window and start all over again."

Promoter Solomons Wants Return Match With Marciano In London

San Francisco, May 17.

Mr Al Weil, manager of World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano said today that if terms were right he would "give favourable thought" to the proposition of a return match in London with the British Champion, Don Cockell.

Mr Weil said that British promoter Jack Solomons within a few hours after Marciano's ninth round victory over Cockell last night made overtures for another fight with Cockell in September.

England would be a "perfect spot" for such a match, Mr Weil said.

He added that he would insist on an American referee but under questioning at a Press conference in Marciano's hotel suite he said he would consider a referee from a neutral country.

Then as everyone laughed Mr Weil said: "There are a lot of referees in Italy." Marciano of Italian ancestry laughed loudest of all. Mr Weil said that any possible rematch

was still in the purely tentative stage.

Marciano was asked if he could fight Carl (Bobo) Olson, the Middleweight Champion, who is now seeking the Light Heavyweight crown.

"I'll fight anyone in the world," Marciano said.

Marciano said that he was slow in assembling his strategy last night. He said it was not until the sixth round that he began to think the way he wished.—Reuter.

Japanese Table Tennis Team To Play Hongkong Tonight

Ten members of the Japanese Table Tennis team, including two officials and three women players, flew in from Bangkok by SAS yesterday en route to Tokyo. Led by Mr Daijoku-Daimon, the team had been on a tour of European countries.

The Japanese 1955 World Table Tennis champion, Toshiko Tanaka, said they played exhibition matches in most countries they visited. In team competition they beat the English team in Leeds, 6-3 and won another game in London 8-2.

He considered teams from Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Belgium, the best among the European nations.

In the course of their three days stay here, the Japanese team will play exhibition games against the cream of the local table tennis players. The games will be played in the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre in Kowloon, today at 8 p.m.

A tea reception was held at the Miramar Hotel yesterday

MRS COCKELL BLAMES THE 16½-FOOT RING

San Francisco, May 17.

Mrs Irene Cockell, wife of the British Heavyweight Champion, Don Cockell, saw reporters today at the San Rafael Hotel near here and said that last night's fight with Rocky Marciano "was a disgusting spectacle which would not have been allowed in England."

Mrs Cockell added: "If they had fought in London things would have been a great deal different... over in our country the foreigner always gets what ever trouble there are. I've seen thousands of bouts and never one in which one man got as bad a deal as did Don last night."

She said the small ring at Kzar Stadium handicapped her husband. "If they had been fighting in a 20-foot ring things would have been a lot different. Don would have boxed him completely and would have spurned it in a ring where he had enough room to move. The ring used last night was 16½-foot square.—Reuter.

"There must be some way of dealing with Marciano," Cockell said.

Cockell said his wife did not seem to be overly upset about his defeat.

"In fact," the Britisher grinned, "she asked me for some money today and went shopping." United Press.

followed by a dinner given by the Japanese Consulate. Tomorrow a luncheon party will be given to the visitors by the staff of the Bank of Korea.

At the airport to meet the Japanese champions were the President of the Hongkong Table Tennis Association.

Mr Sadick said the Japanese team will play nine games against the local men side and four singles and one double against the local ladies' team.

At the airport to meet the Japanese champions were Mr Sadick and Mr Ma Chiu-tung, Chairman of the Association.

Members of the local team to play against the Japanese are Messrs Shi Shu-chu (captain), Chung Chiu-sing, Chui Cheung-ling and Lau S. Feng (Ladies' Smoker), Eugene Wong (captain), Lau Wai-him and Sato Lan.

Tickets will be available at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre Stadium from 10 a.m. today. Those who want to see the match are advised to book early as accommodation is limited.

Boxing Smoker Tonight

At 8 o'clock tonight in the Courtyard of the Missions to Seamen, there will be a Boxing Smoker when teams from HMS Modeste and 72 LAA Regiment R.A. fight for the possession of the Red Duster Trophy.

Boxing enthusiasts may remember the duel earlier in the season when these two teams fought over the evening.

Similar fireworks are expected tonight at the Missions to Seamen when these teams again battle for the honours.

As this will be the last Boxing Smoker of the season, the addition of 8 sides "milit" and blind boxing as well as two junior bouts.

AUSTRALIAN TEST PLAYER DIES IN LONDON

London, May 17.

Alan Fairfax, the noted New South Wales and Australian all-rounder, who played ten times for his country, between 1929 and 1931, died at his home in London today, aged 48.

He had been in poor health for some time and entered hospital for treatment earlier this year.

He left hospital five weeks ago and had been resting quietly on a specialist's advice.—France-Press.

All Blacks Plan Tour By Japanese Rugby Fifteen

Auckland, May 17.

New Zealand Armed Services are trying to arrange a tour by a Japanese rugby team. It is proposed that it be flown to the Dominion in a service aircraft and be accommodated in Army and Air Force camps. The New Zealand Universities Rugby Council decided to co-operate fully with the Services should the tour eventuate.—Reuter.



The Top Spot on the Sports Parade this week is reserved for centre-forward Morris of the Army and 6 COD, whose great-hearted performances on the field of play during the current season earned him second place in the China Mail's public ballot for the Footballer of the Year.

Such a tribute is a fitting climax to a season of great effort, hard practice and sustained improvement. When the season started Morris attracted little attention, but he was determined to do well in the game and soon his deadly heading and general enthusiasm forced him into the headlines and into representative football.

Morris is now an established favourite with Chinese fans and as he will again be playing in the Army football next season, there is every possibility that he will do even better in the popularity poll next year.

Although the football programme is now completed Army soccer officials were concerned when Chalmers met with a nasty injury during the quarter-finals of the Stanley Shield at the Club Stadium. The Scot is one of the players earmarked for further honours next season and there was some fear that he had suffered serious damage to his left knee, on which he had had an operation just before being called up for national service.

During the game against Sing Tao Chalmers fell in the goal mouth and was accidentally kicked on the knee. He was obviously in great pain and the officials called on Major Blyth, the team doctor, to examine him on the spot.

The investigation showed that, in spite of the intense pain, no serious damage had been done and after having the knee strapped up Chalmers was able to walk the remainder of the competition from the stand.

The method of treatment afforded to Chalmers was in strong contrast to what is all too frequently seen on the Colony's sports fields where injured players are often ceremoniously dragged to their feet or pulled about before the extent of the injury has been established.

This can lead to aggravation or complications and it is a point that Army sportsmen should remember whenever a colleague or an opponent is injured. Never allow a player to be moved by friend or opponent until it is certain that such movement will not add to whatever injury he has already received.

Since this column first started we have covered many different sports and sporting activities. It is therefore interesting to get news on one which was certainly never mentioned up to now—the good old British game of quarts. The other day I received a photograph of four husky soldiers who were playing a game of pairs at a quiet spot in the New Territories. The quarts would have raised very much enthusiasm among experts in one of the United Kingdom clubs.

CRUDE IRON RINGS They were merely crude iron rings but the players were as proud of them as any Champion would be of a set made of the finest steel. As far as I can find out there is little history of quarts ever being played in Hongkong, but these lads assured me that their game was over the full distance of 31 feet from pin to pin and that they had played a full 31 sides.

I would be glad to hear from anyone which is normally unimportant in the Colony. There must be many such games—remember the marbles competition last summer?—and it may well be that some pleasant competition could be established.

There was some disappointment at the Annual General Meeting of the Army (HK) Referees Association last Saturday attracted the lowest attendance of the season. Thirty-seven whistlers were present and, as this represents only something like 60 per cent of the present available membership, the disappointment was justified.

The most important item on the agenda was of course the election of office bearers for the incoming year.

Majors Walpole and Walker were re-elected to the positions of Chairman and Hon. Secretary respectively but there the old guard finished for a completely new committee was elected. The five members who will sit in committee are BSM Cabot, HQLE, who will carry out the duties of South Match Appointments Secretary, HQLE, Burrows of 42 Field Regt, RA, will carry out similar duties for the North sector, Major Leitch, BSM Dawson, 7th Hussars, and CSM Gordon, HQ Postal Unit.

Another interesting item was the announcement of promotion of referees. There was no new promotion to Class One. Three

officials, BSM Harris, 6 HAA Bty, RA, Cpl Saunders, C.P.O., and 1/Cpl. Brigham, 11th Infantry Workshops moved from Class III to Class II.

It will be remembered that early in the season the Association did a lot to encourage interested persons to take up refereeing and with that end in view several different parts of the Colony. That the enterprise was justified is shown by the fact that during the season the Association gained 21 new officials from among these who took the various examinations that were arranged.

With the constant comings and goings of service personnel this represents a big contribution to the game in places far removed from Hongkong, but it also means that the job of recruiting and training new officials must go on and on and there is pretty certainly going to be more activity in this respect when we get round to thinking about the next football season.

THE POOR MAN'S ASCOT IS FUN

Says J. W. TAYLOR

Now is the time when landowners, farmers and gentry all over rural Britain bring out their horses—and a little cash—for that important local event that affords to them their annual brief hour of often muddy but undoubted glory—the point-to-point race meeting. For one day a field becomes a racecourse. The bookies from the city bring their big satchels and stand and shoot the odds, and all you or anybody needs to beat them is a good hunter and the entry money.

This most carefree and democratic form of racing in the land—a combination of county hunt rivalry and farmers' festivity comprising a poor man's Ascot—is usually conducted by the various local hunts in the area, and quite above-board, too.

The races are run under National Hunt Rules for point-to-point steeplechases and are open to all horses that have been "regularly and fairly hunted." Certification of this fact is obtained from the Master of Hounds. Five to 25 runners will take part in each of the races, all mounted by amateur riders who are out for the glory of the sport and ride with incredible daring.

There was a time when a point-to-point could be won by almost anything on four legs which would not today match up to Weatherby's standard of fitness. Nowadays, however, the quality of horse is much higher and the competition keener.

LEAGUE TENNIS

League Tennis results yesterday were:

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EVEN THE LADIES

The less ambitious may enter and ride their own animals. Almost anyone with a qualifying horse and the entry money, plus the nerve to charge over three miles of open country strewn with bare fences, may have a go—even the ladies.

Often their own special women's race is the highlight of the afternoon's programme, and the way they urge their horses at the last furlong is really worth seeing. Many of the women competitors train and nurse their horses to peak condition for these races all the year round, as the parade for the Ladies' Race will always show. You never see better turned-out horses.

One appeal to the crowds who flock to the point-to-points is the element of luck in finding winners. The horses are of such mixed quality at times that the punter's best method is to "follow the money."

That is, wait till the stable money goes down; this is soon done in the rapid cut in the particular horse's price. It may not necessarily be the winner, but his money will at least be on "good meat" with a fair chance.

The luck of this game is such that some horses will be run in the South. Only one horse remained on its feet in a three-horse race. It bogged at the last fence and made four fruitless sallies at it. Eventually the rider went over the top without the horse. It was a University meet and joyful shouts rushed out to the course and heaved the horse over the fence. Re-united, horse and rider came home alone to thunderous cheers the winners, just as the Judge was about to go home for tea.

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KEEPS IMPROVING

Apart from marginal cases and the beginners' and devil-may-care devotees' antics common to every sport, the quality of the point-to-point meetings generally improves with the years. Hunters are assiduously schooled for the fence jumping and up-to-date training methods employed to gain success in a good class. Open races at a point-to-point nowadays have become almost professional and good jockeys at 12½ stone or so are scarce.

Visit a point-to-point sometime. You'll enjoy what is a real outing. The weather clerk is possibly the real clerk-of-the-course. Conditions permitting, however, the appointed day will see herds of quiff-coated supporters all there and "errin" to do.

A jolly lively lot the Hunt committee, the Stewards, the "country" crowds, the farmers, the horses, the riders, the bookies and the Tote and the villagers and visiting townspeople with their families—all having the best of fun.

You may win a bit; then again you may lose a bob or two, but you shouldn't let that worry you—nobody else does.

Australian Tennis Rankings

Melbourne, May 18.

Ken Rosewall, the Australian Champion, heads the official Australian lawn tennis rankings for 1955 announced here today. Lew Hoad who topped the list last year, drops to number two.

Other gladings in order are Rex Hartwig, Mervyn Rose, Neale Fraser, Don Candy, George Washington, Ashley Cooper, Mal Anderson, Roy Emerson.—Reuter.

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All members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue. They are invited to forward to the secretary in writing at least seven days before the meeting is due to take place, any matters which they may wish to bring up for discussion.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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BABY A-BOMB CHANGING NATO PLANS IN NORWAY

Paris, May 17.

The availability of the baby atom bomb is rapidly revising the defence plans of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for its extreme northern flank in Norway, one of the two member nations which have a common border with Russia. Planners at Supreme Headquarters of the North Atlantic Powers in Europe, engaged with the "new look" in military strategy and tactics for the whole of the Western Front, are acutely aware of two recent and important events which are bringing about the changes in the north.

One is the availability of the tactical atom bomb on a "call and deliver" basis from the 49th Air Division in England, equipped with Republic P-84F Thunderstreaks, charged with carrying "the weapon."

DESTRUCTIVE PUNCH

Brigadier-General John D. Stevenson, Commanding General of the 49th Air Division, recently described these new aircraft as delivering "more destructive punch on a single target than all the operational aircraft based in Britain in World War II."

In March, three Thunderstreaks set up a new world speed record, averaging 850 miles per hour for 2,445 miles from Los Angeles to New York.

The second is the assignment, to head the air side at the Organisation's northern headquarters in Oslo, of Major-General Homer L. Saunders.

General Saunders is not only an expert in aerial fighter tactics and doctrine. He was the first man to realise the potency of the baby bomb as a tactical air weapon, the first to fight for its possession by the United States Air Force, and he was instrumental in organising what is now the 49th Air Division to carry it.

Several months ago, he was assigned as commander of Headquarters Allied Air Forces Northern Europe in Oslo, and since his arrival the role of the fighter-bomber is increasing in importance in the general plans for the defence of Norway.

The concentration, it is understood, is on the best possible use of the baby bomb carried by the Thunderstreaks. Commanders, given an allotment of the weapons, must plan their proper use to obtain the maximum effect. Questions being answered by large scale SHARP exercises such as Blue Trident, Skyblazer and others, planned by Supreme Headquarters in Europe, are whether this tremendous force is best loosed on a beachhead which threatens to spread and overrun the countryside, or on the behind-the-lines point which supplies it.

Norway has never permitted foreign troops to be based on her soil. In fact, she has assured Soviet Russia that she will not do so unless her security is threatened. This assurance was given when Soviet Russia protested against Norway joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation—and there is no indication that the Norwegian Government intends to change this attitude.

EFFECTIVE FORCE
Norway herself, however, developed what is probably the most effective small air force, man for man, aircraft for aircraft, in Europe. Her eight squadrons are fighter-bombers and reconnaissance planes, largely P-84 Thunderstreaks. They are scattered on a permanent or rotational basis over some ten operational fields from Bardufoss 300 miles inside the Arctic Circle, to Rygge, in the South.

Her senior officers were all combat trained with the Royal Air Force, the Royal Canadian Air Force, or the United States Air Force during the last war. They are experienced and capable. The younger fliers are United States or Canadian trained, sharp and eager. The Royal Norwegian Air Force is set up on American lines and all forms, procedures and operations are carried out via the English language.

Norwegian bases are being equipped, as far as is possible, to permit staging for other units which might be employed on any type of mission. This would permit other units to land on these fields for fuel or maintenance, either going to or coming from any mission in the northern direction.

One of the changes this "new look" has brought about is the increased probability of holding Norway, particularly—North Norway, in the event of a sudden attack in the far north.

Norway has its own peculiar shape. It stretches from latitude 59 in the south to approximately latitude 72 in the north, a dis-

tance of some 1,200 air miles. To the north are the Arctic Ocean and the Russian border, with the Soviet ports of Petsamo and Murmansk just round the corner.

Norway's coastline, if straightened out, would reach more than 10,000 miles. There is one road from Oslo to Kirkenes on the Soviet Russian border, and it is cut by five fjords which must be ferried. Several months of the year the northern end is closed by snow.

In most of Europe, it is axiomatic that a jet pilot at 40,000 feet can glide to any one of a score of air strips. In Norway, he is lucky to find one, because hundreds of miles separate some of them.

All of these things, together with a preponderance of mountains, lakes and fjords, few communication lines and fewer transport lines, and the fact that only three and a half per cent of the country is under cultivation and that there are only three and a half million people to defend it, add up to a considerable defence problem.

And this is the problem which the military planners, both at Supreme Headquarters and in Norway, hope and believe can be to some extent solved by the potential of the tactical atomic bomb carried by 800-mile fighter planes.—China Mail Special.



Caravan For
Royal Children

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

C.K. etc. airmail service previously advertised as closing on Tuesday at 6 p.m. will not now commence until following week Tuesday, May 24.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

By Air
Formosa, 8 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

By Air
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, USA, 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.

TRH Prince Charles and Princess Anne have become the proud possessors of a fully equipped miniature caravan, the gift of the Caravan Club of Great Britain, of which HRH The Duke of Edinburgh is Patron. The caravan is big enough for the children to travel in or to live in whilst on holiday, being nearly 7ft. long, 6ft. high and just over 4ft. wide, and a special bracket has been fitted to one of the Duke's cars to tow it. Exterior of the caravan is in a two-colour scheme of dark and light stone; walls and ceiling inside are white. It is fully lighted by electricity and a pump supplied water to the taps. There is a gas stove with miniature frying pan and kettle and the sink is of stainless steel with cupboards. Furniture and woodwork are of natural oak and the fittings include a miniature writing desk, wardrobe, bookshelf and bureau china cabinet. Beneath the twin beds are lockers and there is a detachable table between them for meals.

—Express Photo.

DONATION TO CHINESE MOSLEMS

London, May 17.
The Egyptian Minister for Religious Foundations, Sheikh Ahmed Hassan el Bakhoury, has presented £1,000 in the name of his Ministry "for needy Chinese Moslem believers" and a similar sum "for other needy persons," the New China News Agency reported today.

The Agency said he made the donation to the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, yesterday. Mr. Chou thanked him saying he would hand over the money to the China Islamic Association and the People's Relief Association of China.

Sheikh Bakhoury was invited to tour China by Mr. Chou at the Bandung conference and arrived in Peking on Sunday.

—Reuter.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



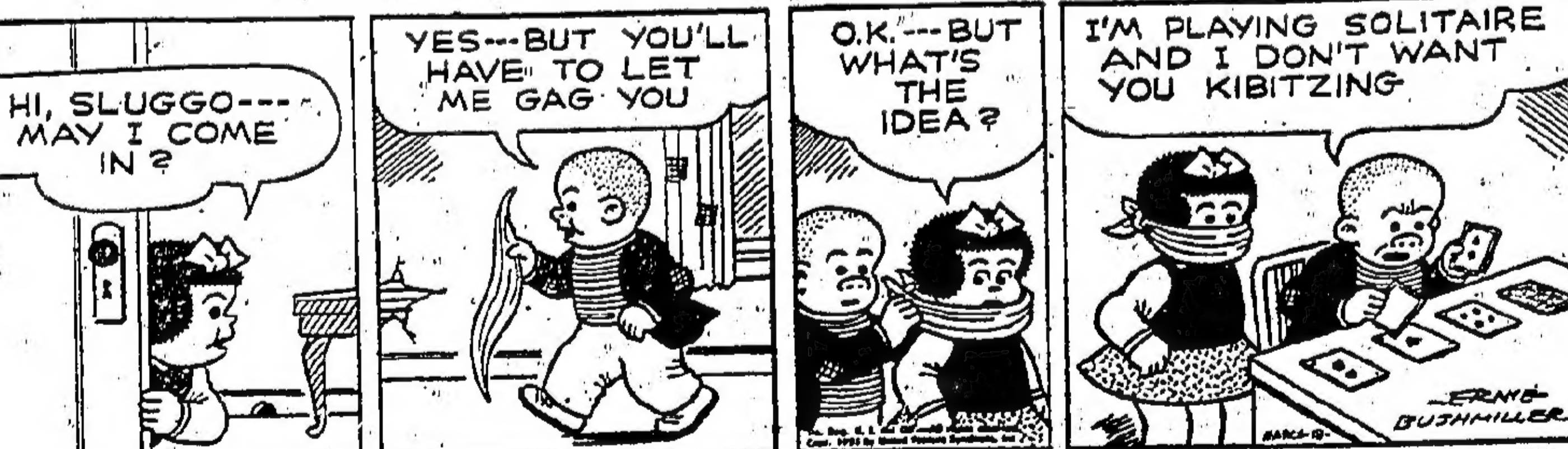
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By Frank Robbins



Private Could Write His Name To £30,000

Brisbane, May 17.

Rookie John Walton, bashing the squat at Queensland's Wacol military camp with a platoon of other young national servicemen, could sign a cheque for £30,000 if he wanted to.

Military training has interrupted his successful prospecting career when, as a member of the eight-man Walton-McConachy syndicate, he helped to discover the fabulous Mary Kathleen uranium lode near Mount Isa, Queensland.

Now the big British Rio Tinto mining group is interested in the field, these eight Australians might become mining magnates. The syndicate sold the lease for an initial £250,000 and retained a 10 per cent interest in its future development.

SUCCESS STORY

The Mary Kathleen success is the story of two enterprising Queensland families who pooled their resources, tried their luck—and found a hill of good-quality uranium ore.

Clem Walton, his three sons John, Henry and Mick, Norman McConachy and three members of his family had jobs in Mt Isa, a mining town, 1,200 miles northwest of Brisbane. At the week-ends, they used to take to the hills in battered jeeps and take their geiger counters among the dry rock outcrops.

They decided to pool their resources and form a combine syndicate—which gave them three geiger counters and a chance to co-ordinate their prospecting.

On a Saturday afternoon in July, last year, Norman McConachy and John Walton were testing a tip that there might be some uranium in the hills south of the main road linking Mount Isa with Cloncurry.

They found that their geiger counter, clicked in a most encouraging fashion in a dry creek bed. But they could find no sign of the major uranium lode.

The following week, John Walton, and his father, Clem, and McConachy returned to the spot, and discovered that the radioactivity came from rounded black stones in the creek bed. Reasoning that these stones must have broken off the mother lode, the trio criss-crossed the creek, working upstream and testing all outcrops with their counters.

In this way, they followed the creek back to its source, in a hill of uranium ore. Their indicators showed that it gave a count of 15,000 against the normal background of 1,000.

They named the hill after McConachy's wife, Mary Kathleen, who had died only three weeks previously. Mrs. McConachy had kept encouraging the men when their efforts seemed in vain and only a short time before her death, told them: "Keep going, you'll strike it rich some day."

LOCAL BOOM

News of the Mary Kathleen boom brought a uranium boom to Mount Isa and as local residents put it: "You couldn't see the town for geiger counters."

Overnight, Clem Walton became a big business tycoon and opened negotiations for the syndicate with Australian mining companies. Before he broke down from the strain, he said the claim to Australian interests for £250,000. Then the eight men disappeared—"went into smoke" in the local slang. The publicity was too much for them.

Now the big mining companies have moved into Mount Isa. Their teams of trained geologists, working systematically through the surrounding country, are replacing the more haphazard prospectors.

The latest announcement was that the Rio Tinto group had a 51 per cent holding in the lease, Australian Oil Exploration 38 per cent and the vendors 10 per cent. The management is now deciding whether it would be worth while establishing a uranium treatment plant on the field.

MORE PROSPERITY

This would bring more prosperity to Mt Isa, a mining town already rich from its silver-lead lodes.

The spectacular success of the Waltons and the McConachys has made little difference to their styles of living. They still make their homes in Mount Isa. But there are a few changes. John Walton is in the Army and Clem Walton has stopped driving a taxi to take care of the syndicate's business negotiations.

Mick Walton is still prospecting, but he has swapped his dusty jeep for an American luxury car. The car, parked outside his small Mount Isa home, is almost as long as the frontage of the house.

The finders of the Mary Kathleen deposits are not the only successful prospectors in Mount Isa. Thirty-year-old Sam Grant, who came to Mount Isa from Sydney in late 1953, sold his claim recently for £10,000 and has interests in a number of others. He stands to get another £30,000 if the claim he sold proves a commercial success.

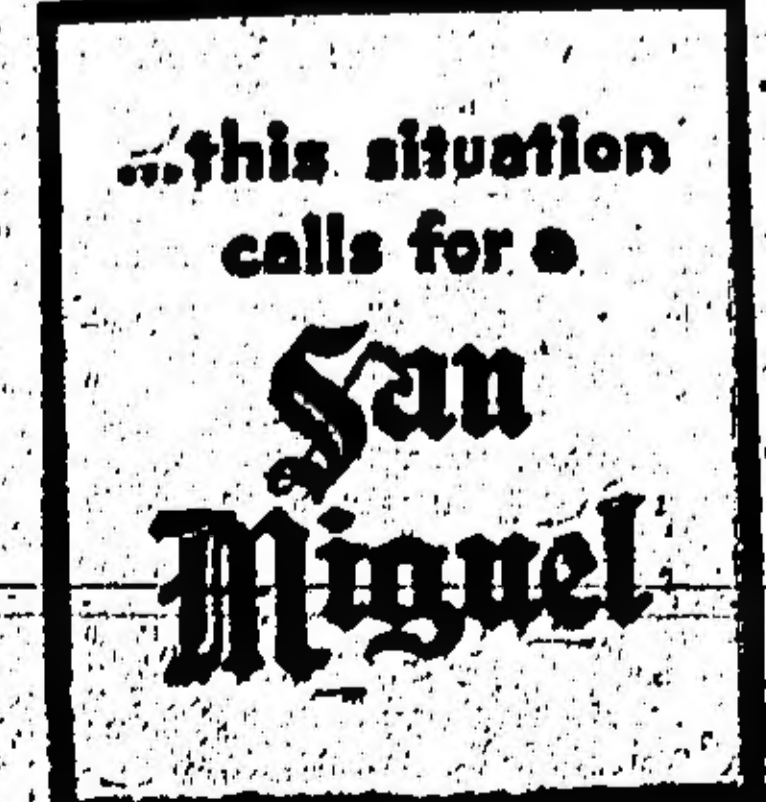
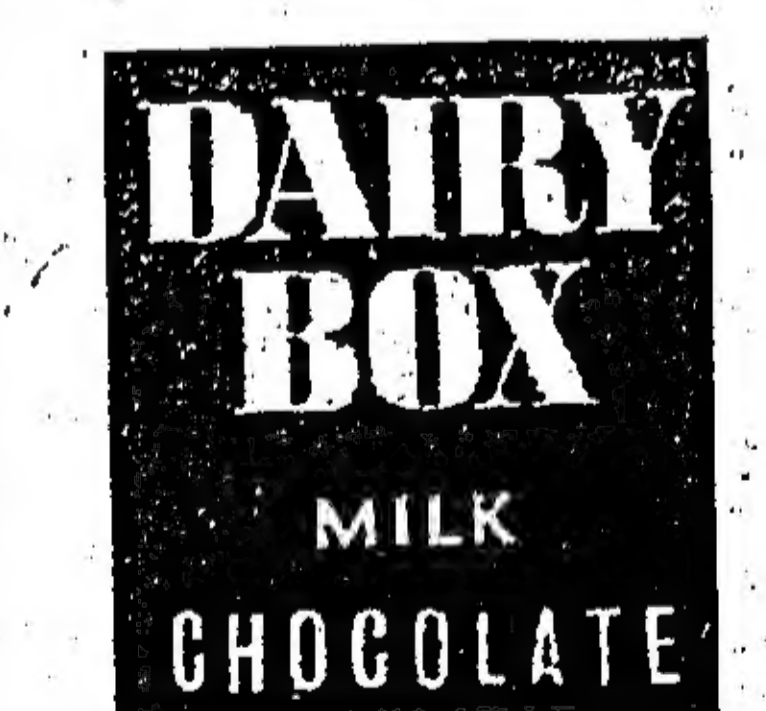
Grant got a job with Mount Isa Mines on shift work, then dashed off to spend his days in the hills prospecting. He claims to have a "sixth sense" for uranium. When the country "feels right," he says, he goes in with his geiger counter—and his finds prove the success of this method.

Once his counter starts clicking, Grant systematically maps out the extent of the deposits. He works over the radioactive area and looks for rock outcrops to test. Even a couple of feet of soil, he says, are enough to blanket some of the gamma rays.

DESERT PROSPECTING

Uranium prospectors are gathering in Mount Isa again now because the approaching southern winter will bring cool moist weather to make desert prospecting comfortable.

But Mount Isa old-timers mourn that the glorious days of the uranium rush, when prospectors staked out of town in the hope the next hill would bring them fortune, are probably gone for ever.—China Mail Special.



GENERAL MURRAY PROMOTED

London, May 17. The War Office announces that Major-General (Temporary) Lieut-General Horatius Murray, CB, DSO, who commanded the Commonwealth Division in Korea from October 1953 to the end of 1954, has been promoted to Lieutenant-General.

General Murray, at present GOC-in-C Scottish Command, fought with distinction in World War II. He was wounded at the battle of Alamein, while commanding the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders, and later led 133 Infantry Brigade of 51st (Highland) Division in the invasion of Sicily and Normandy.

In August 1944 he was given command of the 6th Armoured Division in Italy. He led them during the long Apennine battles of the winter of 1944, and in the final push through the Argenta Gap and on to Austria in the spring campaign of 1945.

Since the war his appointments have also included the post of Director of Personnel Services at the War Office, command of 1st Infantry Division in the Middle East, and Commander Northumbrian District and 50th Northumbrian Infantry Division (T.A.).

He is 52 years old and was commissioned in the Cameronians in 1923.

FOUR MAJOR-GENERALS
Four other senior Army officers have been promoted major-generals. They are Brigadiers A.J.H. Dove, the Director of Quartermaster at the War Office, R.G.S. Hobbs, Commandant of the Royal Military Academy, W.R. Cox, the GOC Mid-West District and 53rd Welsh Infantry Division (T.A.), and V.D.G. Campbell, Chief of Staff at Scottish Command.

General Dove, a 52-year-old New Zealander, who was commissioned in the Royal Engineers in 1922, was Deputy Director of Military Operations at the War Office in the last year of World War II, and his appointments since the end of hostilities include those of Deputy Adjutant General, BAOR, and BGS (Supplies and Transport) in Middle East.

General Hobbs, who was in the Middle East and later led 104 Regiment, RHA, in the last war, is a former Director and Chief of Staff of Combined Operations, and was in command of 2nd Infantry Brigade in the Middle East in 1951-52.

PRISONER
A prisoner of war in Germany from June 1940 to April 1945, General Campbell then went to South East Asia, where he saw service in Borneo and the East Indies, and led the Cameronians in Japan. At the end of 1948 he was given command of the 1st Gordonians in BAOR, and, two years later, 31st Lorrain Infantry Brigade in Britain. He has been Chief of Staff at Scottish Command since March last year.

General Cox, who led the 1st Worcesters, the 7th Green Howards and 151 Lorrain Infantry Brigade in World War II, then commanded four infantry brigades in succession from 1945 to 1947. Since then he has been DAG at GHQ, MELE, Commander Cyprus District, Deputy Director of Infantry at the War Office (in which capacity he led the Infantry contingent of the British Army in the Coronation Procession), and Chief of Staff, Southern Command.

E. Germany Joining Military Command
Berlin, May 17. The East German Deputy Premier Herr Otto Nuschke said today that East Germany will become a full-fledged member of Moscow's new East bloc joint military command as soon as East Germany sets up an army.

The new Soviet joint command under Soviet Marshal I. S. Konev, created in Warsaw last week by the Soviet Union and its seven European satellites, has suspended East German participation in the "counter-NATO" until a later date.

Herr Nuschke, writing in the East Berlin paper Neue Zeit said it was "childish" for the Western Press to state that East Germany was not represented in the joint command.

"Be patient," Herr Nuschke stated. "For the time being we have only the Barracked Peoples Police. But as soon as national forces are set up they will naturally be represented in the joint Supreme Command."

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Britain's Credit Squeeze Not Working To Plan

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

MONEY EXTENDED TO CAPITAL MARKET

New York, May 17. The market made another attempt at a rally today but, without any new incentive, it failed to carry through and prices closed a bit lower on average.

In the early dealings there were several strong spots—the steels, chemicals and some aircrafts. At the close, only a few special issues had gains of any size.

Two of these features responded to good news. Southern Railway ran up 2 1/2 to \$95 in a generally lower carrier group as the company's President said the road is showing an earnings increase and has a favourable outlook for the remainder of the year.

Brown and Bigelow moved up 1 1/2 points, ex-dividend, to \$16 1/2 as the announcement was made of negotiations toward a merger with Tecton American.

INDUSTRIALS OFF
Industrials as a group were off 0.89 point on the day; rails off 0.25 and utilities off 0.11, all well below the day's best levels.

Trading was at a slow, routine pace with turnover totalling only 1,900,000 shares, compared with 2,160,000 yesterday.

Activity centred in General Dynamics for the second session in a row. It was at \$85, dipped 3/4, ex-dividend.

Except for Southern Railway, rails were mostly lower. Motors were narrowly mixed. Boeing fell nearly 2 points, ex-dividend, in the aircrafts.

Oils were narrowly mixed. Non-ferrous metals showed some strength with Reynolds, Kennecott and National Lead up around a point.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,990,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 550,000 shares.

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

London, May 17. Britain's credit squeeze is not working according to plan. The monetary authorities, who have been obliged to extend credit to the capital market, thereby undoing much of the effect of the credit squeeze.

This is the startling conclusion which experts are now drawing from the latest returns of the London clearing banks.

The reason why the banks' returns show that in April the investments (in Government securities) of the 12 British banks fell by £63 million, some part of the fall would be due to the fall in the market price of gilt-edged securities which occurred during the month, but most of it must have been due to actual sales of securities, either through the stock market or in some other way.

It is customary to regard 30 per cent as the minimum level for this ratio consistent with sound banking and in recent months the banks have had difficulty in maintaining it, owing to the official credit squeeze.

The interesting point is, however, that it should have been possible for the banks to raise such very large sums by selling securities. It is quite clear that the London Stock Exchange could never have digested selling on such a large scale unless it had some outside support from someone willing to buy the securities that the banks were selling. This support could only have come from the Government.

So the conclusion is drawn that the Government while keeping the monetary system short of short-term credit is actually putting new credit into the capital market, thereby reducing the effect of the credit squeeze on the economy.

THE OBJECT
This result cannot have been intended. The object of tighter money is to curb inflation and this means fewer advances by the banks to their customers. But, in fact, the banks' advances are still rising rapidly and they are able to rise because the Government is buying directly or indirectly, securities from them.

It is now clear that the effect of the sharp rise in the bank rate at the end of February was even more drastic than was apparent at the time. It was in fact too drastic for the gilt-edged market to stand up to it and the Government has been forced to intervene on a considerable scale to keep the market going.

That the Government has no immediate intention of going back on its tight money policy is shown by the fact that it is still keeping the money market very short of credit. But the impact on the economy at large is likely to be delayed until the gilt-edged market has recovered its balance and is again functioning normally without extraordinary official support.

World Cotton Markets
New York, May 17. Cotton futures today opened lower and remained on an irregular downward for the rest of the day.

Business of the nearby July delivery became the main up-selling influence as traders awaited other new incentives.

Objection To Freight Rates Increase

Melbourne, May 17. Australian exporters will fight against shipowners' proposals to increase rates on outgoing freight.

Mr. C. Vane, Secretary of the Australian Exporters Federation, said today: "He told the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce his Federation could not accept the proposed 10 per cent increase which would mean an end to much of Australia's primary production."

The Federal Government is expected to announce plans to meet an increase on incoming freight rates during a House of Representatives debate tomorrow.

The House will deal with a request that the increases be considered as a matter of urgency.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)
Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$887,597.50.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

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Commonwealth Tin Project Gets Good Start

London, May 17. Out in the tinfields of Malaya, a bold Commonwealth project nears the end of Phase One. And here in London Mr John Ivan Spens smiles in satisfaction.

Mr Spens, a tall and precise Scot, is a man of two dozen jobs.

He is a leading accountant; a director of a string of investment trusts; and head of a group of tin companies.

FINE RECORD
One of them is Southern Kinta Consolidated, a £4,200,000 affair with a fine record over the years.

In partnership with three others, it is showing its spirit as a free enterprise.

It is moving part of Malaya's Kinta River into a man-made channel to expose tin under the river bed.

Southern Kinta is now finishing the first 1 1/2 miles of the job. Cost to date—£500,000.

This operation is not just moving a river. New roads have to be built. New roads provided.

Relative firmness in July and rather buying, anticipating the seasonal increases in consumption, featured the domestic contract. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)
July 1.38
Sept. 1.37
Nov. 1.36
Jan. 1.35
Mar. 1.34
May 1.33
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba) 1.40

Contract No. 5
July 1.35
Sept. 1.34
Nov. 1.33
Jan. 1.32
Mar. 1.31
May 1.30
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba) 1.40

—United Press.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET
New York, May 17. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 1 to 4 points lower with sales of 188 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 2 points higher to 1 point lower with sales of 374 contracts.

World contract showed a softened undertone in company with the slightly lower raw market.

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"CAMBODGE" sailing May 21st
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Others were unchanged—United Press.

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**JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK**

Literary Circles

WITH Bloomsbury, no distance away and famous publishing houses almost on the doorstep, it is not altogether surprising that literature should make its influence felt among those who work in Covent Garden Market.

To judge from the picture that a young man named Alfred painted of the cafes and taverns around the market, the atmosphere in many of them is not unlike that of a learned society's headquarters.

In this one sit market-porters quoting Jean Anouilh across the tea-stained table-tops; in that, a group of drivers expertly analyse the varied schools of modern writing, over their mild and bitter.

THE GIFT

So Alfred, makes it seem, and if a stranger to the circle should ever intrude and find the only literature much in evidence was the racing pages of the papers, be sure that this would be a kind of optical illusion or show a want in him of acute observation.

Alfred, moving constantly, by virtue of his jobs, in these literary circles, was not vastly surprised when, the other evening, a stranger came up to him and said: "Want two good books?"

The stranger did not wait for an answer, but thrusting at him two crisp new books, vanished round a corner. To Alfred there seemed only one thing to do—accept the gift in the spirit in which it appeared to have been made.

ALFRED LOSES NERVE

HE tucked the two books under his coat and made for home. He had hardly gone more than a dozen yards when two plain-clothes policemen stopped him. "What have you got under your coat there?" they asked. "Well, books," Alfred said. "Let's have a look."

Alfred produced the two books. He was asked how he had come by them. "I got them at a shop in Charing Cross Road," he said, untruthfully. "I'll take you there, if you like."

The invitation was quickly accepted. The trio headed for the street of books. Half-way there, Alfred's nerve went. "As a matter of fact," he blurted, "Feller gave me these books, just now."

A GREAT READER?

AT Bow Street next morning, Alfred, a handsome, black-haired man of 30, pleaded not guilty to a charge of failing to give a satisfactory account of how he came to be in possession of two books reasonably suspected of having been stolen. For the books were two titles just at that time being distributed to shops from a warehouse near the market.

He told his story, and Mr. Bertram Reese, the magistrate, asked: "Are you a great book-reader?"

"Well, I have a magazine delivered every Saturday," Alfred answered. "And the wife, she's a member of a book club. 'Didn't it strike you as suspicious, having the books thrust on you like that?'"

SIMPLE PLEASURE

"WELL, I just thought to myself here two books," said Alfred. "People's novels, reading new books, novels, etcetera, in the cafes and the market."

Mr. Reese raised his eyebrows and peered over his spectacles, but made no comment on the literary life. Instead, he asked Alfred: "You thought everything was above board?"

"Oh, yes," Alfred answered. "Quite satisfied about this," said the magistrate. "Anything known?"

Nothing to Alfred's discredit was known, and he was discharged conditionally. Alfred left, the books were gathered up and taken away. And a sign of simple pleasure came from the public gallery when the title of one of the books was seen. It was a book of memoirs—by a leading light of Scotland Yard.

False Alarm

Two Emergency Unit cars and a Police van sped along Queen's Road Central in response to an alarm at the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. at 11.50 a.m. today.

On arrival at the Bank, they found it was a false alarm and returned to the Police Station.

SAW LIGHTERS SINK

Eye-witness's Account Of Storm Incident

A crew member of one of the lighters involved in alleged collisions in the Kowloon Wharves area during a typhoon on September 2, 1953, told of the sinking of several lighters when he gave evidence before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning at the continued hearing of the claim for damages brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., against Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants.

Mr J. P. Hewitt, Senior Surveyor of Ships, Marine Department, is sitting with Mr Justice J. R. Gregg as Assessor.

Plaintiffs, represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada QC, and Mr T. A. Shurlock, instructed by Mr R. A. Wadsworth, of Messrs Deacons, are claiming damages totalling \$70,532.15 from Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants, of 34-37 Connaught Road Central, arising from the sinking of four of their lighters and damage to three others during the typhoon in the Colony on the early morning of September 2, 1953. Plaintiffs alleged negligence on the part of defendants.

Wang Kee and Co. are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Leslie Wright, and Mr Victor J. Gilling, instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan, of Messrs Lo and Lo.

In their claim, plaintiffs alleged that by the negligence of defendants, their servants and agents, lighters belonging to defendants were drifted and bore down and collided with plaintiffs' lighters, sinking four and damaging three.

CREW WENT ASHORE

Li Kam-wai, former crew member of plaintiff company's lighter no. 22, earlier testified that his lighter was moored by the port bow of the s.s. Neillere, berthed at Wharf no. 3 north and that the whole crew went ashore when the wind and sea rose on the early morning of September 2, 1953.

He saw no. 22 straddle the bows of another lighter, no. 72, berthed among a row of lighters between the bows of the Neillere and the Praya wall. He said he watched the events from a position by the corner of the Wharf and Praya.

He saw a steel lighter, approach no. 22. That lighter was drifting and was being followed by another steel lighter, also drifting. Both steel lighters continued to drift in towards the Praya, coming close to the row of moored lighters, and then swung broadside on to the Praya wall and to end.

Not long afterwards said witness, he saw no. 22 also drifting in towards the Praya and came up against lighter no. 57 (one of the row of moored lighters). There was nobody on board any of the three drifting lighters, he added.

The two steel lighters pounded each other end to end.

Getting Ready For Christmas

Christmas Cards are on the way. Thirty ladies spent thirty minutes this morning choosing three which will be reproduced for sale in aid of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the Mission to Lepers.

With all windows open in the Morning Post board room, and fans going hard, they decided that the picture of a snowman was "inappropriate to Hong Kong."

They voted instead for Chinese scenes painted by members of the committee, Mrs Sue Angus and Mrs W. Watson.

European Motorist Cautioned

D. B. Evans, of 17 Shek-O Road appeared before Mr Thomas Tam at Central this morning facing two traffic summonses of causing an unnecessary obstruction, and driving a private car into Duddell Street—a closed road.

He pleaded guilty to the first summons, and was cautioned by the Magistrate. The second charge was dismissed by the Court when it was established that Mr Evans possessed a permit to enter Duddell Street. The offence took place at 12.30 p.m. on March 12.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Too bad I can't help with the house cleaning—but you realise how desperate I am, with only 10 days to finish my income tax return!"

Leper On Indecent Exposure Charge

A leper, with large unblinking eyes, appeared before Mr T. Creeden in Kowloon this morning on a charge of indecent exposure.

When asked whether he pleaded guilty or not to the charge, Li Ka-hun, 23, stood mutely before the court.

Then he lifted his arm and made a dismissing gesture. This was taken to mean a plea of not guilty.

Chief Inspector T. Dow testified that on May 17 he saw defendant walking around Yen Chow Street, stark naked. At the time school children and factory girls were in the street. He arrested defendant and took him to Shamshuipo Police.

The Inspector said that the man had been arrested once before on May 12 when he was seen chasing people in the street. "Apparently mentally distressed."

To Visit Hay Ling Chau

The French philanthropist M. Raoul Follereau who has just arrived back from Macao, where he was a guest of the Governor, will tomorrow visit the leper settlement on the island of Hay Ling Chau.

He will give a talk tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. at the Alliance Francaise on "Presence de la France."

During his stay here he is hoping to get in touch with various organisations concerned with social welfare. He will leave for Japan on Saturday morning.

STONED HIM

But the defendant could not go home, Inspector Dow continued. Whenever he went near the resettlement area, those living there who were superstitious and terribly afraid of the disease would chase him out with sticks and sometimes even stone him.

Britain's New Envoy To Peking "A Brilliant Official"

London, May 17. A British diplomat who broke off his career rather than support the 1938 Munich Pact "appeasement" policy will be Britain's new envoy to Communist China, it was announced tonight.

Mr Con O'Neill, 42, head of the Foreign Office News Department, will replace Mr Humphrey Trevelyan as Britain's Charge d'Affaires in Peking. His promotion to this top post caused surprise in some diplomatic quarters.

Short, bespectacled and school teacherish in appearance, Mr O'Neill has worked closely in the past 18 months with Sir Anthony Eden, who also quit the 1938 Government in opposition to appeasement.

ATTENDED SEATO TALKS

When Sir Anthony Eden, as Foreign Secretary attended the Geneva Far East conference last Summer, Mr O'Neill, who resumed his diplomatic career in 1945, was there as chief British spokesman. Again at the Bangkok conference of SEATO powers in February he was at Sir Anthony Eden's side to serve as go-between with the Press.

ALLEGED DEMAND FOR \$300 FOR MAKING A FAVOURABLE REPORT

Revenue Officer Charged With Corruption

A Class I Revenue Officer was accused at the Victoria District Court this morning of corruptly receiving \$300 for making a favourable report to his superiors about a firm in connection with the issuing of certificates of origin.

The accused, Leung Tse-ku, 35, pleaded not guilty to the charge before Judge A. D. Scholes. He was represented by Mr Y. H. Chan of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko. He was on bail of \$5,000.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Mr T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant Superintendent, Police, of the Anti-Corruption Branch.

Leung was alleged to have received the money from Daniel Djung on February 11 as a reward for making a favourable report about Djung's business to the Department of Commerce and Industry.

Mr Collier said that in February this year, Daniel Djung entered into a partnership with one Djung Yin-shing, who was, incidentally, not related to him, for the purpose of making carved furniture for export to the United States.

They rented room 217 in Prince's Building for their office.

Crown Counsel said the American Consulate relied on the Department of Commerce and Industry for the bona fide characters of the firms who exported the goods to America. Consequently, each firm which applied for authorisation to export was investigated by an Inspector of the Department.

Daniel Djung applied for such authorisation on February 8. Eventually, accused and the two Djungs went to a workshop in Gillies Avenue, Hung Hom, where accused inspected the place.

Accused, Mr Collier alleged, had a talk with the two partners, the effect of which was that if they wanted him to make a favourable report of their business, they would have to pay him \$500.

After some objection from the Djungs, Leung lowered the amount to \$300. It was agreed that the money be paid the following day at accused's house.

REPORTED TO POLICE

But Daniel Djung reported the matter to the Police. Acting on instructions, he arranged with accused that the money be collected at the firm's office in Prince's Building.

Crown Counsel said that on February 11, Daniel Djung waited for accused at the partnership office, while Inspector Lee of the Police, hid in an adjacent storeroom, when Leung came to collect the \$300, in three \$100-bills, the Inspector came out.

He was searched and the bills were found on him.

Inspector Lee checked the serial numbers on the \$100-bills with the numbers he had on a piece of paper which he had with him, and found they were the same. Leung was arrested.

HOW LOW CAN HI-FI GET?

When you put a record on a turntable and place the pick-up head on the record you expect to hear music coming from the speaker. This is a very simple process.

The variations on this little operation are many and one of the ways in which it is done is as many as a hundred discs from which to choose and there are just about as many colours flashing and bubbling away in the complicated glass and plastic front.

By and large then, the modern juke-box looks like a cross between a cinema organ and a technological water-fall. Now as could be expected, there is on the market in America a "Hi-Fi" model. Imagine, if you can, some of the modern music in "Hi-Fi"... the Crew Cuts singing "Oop — Shoop"... every little splash captured in sound. When Johnnie Ray sings you can HEAR the tear-drops fall!... and of course the records of such singers as Patti Page, Doris Day, Rosemary Clooney all sound so true to life that you can actually hear the singers breathing.

A BOXING DON WHO SINGS

Don Cockell having lost his fight with Rocky Marciano yesterday it is perhaps tactless to mention Don Cockell, the singer who has been going down very well in Britain. Some of you will remember him as a Sammy Kaye singer, others will know that he has recently made a great deal of good discs as a soloist.

A fact which may surprise you and one which has received a lot of attention in Britain is that Don Cockell was a Golden Gloves winner in the 1940's and once did some sparring with Rocky Marciano.

It remains to be seen whether the other Don will decide that singing is a more pleasant and profitable profession.

HIS SUCCESSOR

In January 1953 Mr O'Neill became Foreign Office representative at the Imperial Defence College here and 14 months later became head of the News Department.

His successor as news chief is Sir George Young, who worked for the British Broadcasting Corporation during the war and served in diplomatic posts in Berlin, Peking, Madrid, Beirut, Rio de Janeiro and Rome.

Mr O'Neill's wife is the German-born Baroness Mady Marshall-von Bieberstein, whom he married during the Geneva conference last year. He has a son and a daughter by a previous marriage—Reuter.

Nine Months' Gaol For Pickpocket

A 22-year-old pickpocket was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr H. H. B. How at Kowloon Court this morning.

The accused, Tsui Wan-sang was caught red handed by a police reservist in a bus when he lifted a wallet containing \$94 from the inside jacket pocket of a passenger who was sitting down.

The incident occurred on Bus No. 5 as it was passing down Chatham Road near Valley Road on April 14.

Mr How said he was treating the case with "a little more leniency than he deserved" because of his financial straits. The accused has a wife and two children and said that his wife is expecting a third. His wife wept in court as he was being sentenced.



THE FACE BEHIND THE VOICE

identally Errol is the only jazz musician scheduled to appear at a Philadelphia Music Festival in June.

Patty Andrews, the Andrews sister in the middle, has started a solo act and made her first appearance this way at the famous "Latin Quarter" night club in New York.

Wheeler and Wilson, two names which will mean nothing to the younger readers but a lot to the older ones, are back in the business. Just for the record let it be said that a long time before the war they were as popular as Martin and Lewis are nowadays.

RECORD REVIEW

First chance came when Mitch Miller, of Columbia records heard an audition disc made for a songwriter. Mitch liked the voice and traced the singer, signed a contract and made records and then carried on in the usual on-wards and upwards fashion. Latest release available... "What Am I Doing in Kansas City."

Doris Day: "Till My Love Comes to Me" and "There's a Rising Moon". Doris Day sings two songs in the Day Way. The difference on this disc being that the first song is based on Mendelssohn's "On Wings of Music". This is a 78 rpm Philips disc, B 21508 H, which is almost bound to be a Hit Parader.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING

Errol Garner has opened his own publishing company and will start the catalogue with 45 of his own compositions, and that's one way of getting your music published. In-

What Smoke? The smoke from the fire in the stable. The stable caught fire? Yes, but it wouldn't have done if the wind hadn't been blowing. In the wrong direction and brought a spark from the house. The house caught fire? Yes, but not so on "A Philips 78 rpm." P. C6078 H.